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Old Woman Murdered

Maldenhead, June 1.—Police found the trussed body of wealthy Mrs Freeman Lee, 89 year-old recluse, today in a trunk standing in the front hall of her 18-room home at Maldenhead.

She had been slain, police said, before her body was put in the trunk, probably last Saturday. They said robbery was the probable motive for the crime.

Neighbours noticed three days' milk was standing on the doorstep and called the police. Mrs Lee lived alone in the large house whose rooms were in disorder. A neighbour said she believed Mrs Lee was born in America. — Associated Press.

22 Die In Swamped Launch

Norfolk, June 1.—Twenty-two men—nine Marines and 13 Navy men perished in Hampton Roads last night when a Navy launch was swamped in choppy waters while returning 90 men to their ship after Memorial Day liberty.

Rear Admiral C. A. F. Sprague, Commander of a twelve-ship task force, whose sailing for the Mediterranean was delayed by the tragedy, issued this statement to newsmen today from his flag ship, the aircraft carrier Kearsarge:

"Preliminary report of loss of life or missing personnel may be placed at 22 (nine Marines and 13 Navy)."

"Report considered accurate and includes an estimate of possible stragglers (men absent over leave). Further checking is now in progress."

The open launch was swamped in a wind and rain storm as it was returning a liberty party to the Kearsarge, anchored two miles off the Norfolk Naval Station. The launch, which was attached to a carrier, was swamped by only 200 yards off the Kearsarge port beam.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Consolidate This Success

IT appears that the Hongkong exhibition at the British Industries Fair was a much bigger success than earlier reports had indicated. One letter says that "although the Hongkong stall looked more like a shop than any other stall it has been not only the most popular stall in the Commonwealth and Empire Section, but one of the most popular stalls of the whole Fair." This is high praise indeed and must make those in the Colony who were inclined to turn up their noses at the idea of Hongkong being successfully represented at the BIF feel a little more cheerful. It is no secret that it took a considerable amount of effort to whip up sufficient local interest in the proposal to exhibit a Hongkong stall, and it is a just reward for the enterprise and confidence of the Hongkong Chinese manufacturers and traders that the stall was eventually given such a cordial welcome. Having taken the plunge this year, and found that it makes a pleasant and profitable swim, the Colony should be determined to go much further next year and make its BIF "shop" into a fully-dressed exhibition. We can expect considerable industrial developments during the next twelve months which will enable manufacturers to deal with orders on a much bigger scale than at present. Furthermore, it is likely that Hongkong will be in a position to offer a wider range of products and commodities, competitive both in quality and in price. The information should be set as a spur to those important merchandising houses who this year held back from actively participating in the

Hongkong exhibition at the BIF. The comparatively small display by Hongkong at the Fair is but another example of the Colony's curious reluctance in advertising itself. The same symptoms can be observed in a dozen different directions. As it has been pointed out before, we could make ourselves the centre of attraction for tourists to the Far East were we inclined to let them know what we have to offer in the way of natural beauty and novelties. It is most people come here for the first time without the slightest idea of what the place is like, what to look for, where to go. The British Government thinks Hongkong should be the show place of the Far East, and it is probably something approaching that already; but we seem to be too shy to show ourselves off. The suggestion, made previously, is repeated: that the Government Public Relations Office be authorized to prepare and distribute overseas one or more types of pamphlets that will not only attract visitors to Hongkong, but will offer them an informative picture of the place before they start their journey. Government would probably find the various air lines which now link Hongkong to Europe, the United States, Australia and elsewhere, willing to co-operate to the extent of including any such pamphlets in the reading material supplied on their aircraft, and there should be no difficulty, through the Central Office of Information, in having the pamphlets distributed at central points within the Commonwealth and displayed in the premises of some of the other countries. Through its exhibition at the BIF, Hongkong has become something more than a name to many people in other parts of the world; the opportunity is now presented for consolidating this new-found interest by letting the world know that the Colony possesses many attractions in addition to skilled and enterprising manufacturers.

Arabs And Jews Agree To Palestine Truce

ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO CEASE FIRE TODAY

London, June 1.—The Provisional Government of Israel and the Arab League have informed the United Nations Security Council that they accept the Council's order for a one-month truce in Palestine.

Official Syrian sources in Damascus, however, said tonight that fighting would continue in the Holy Land during present negotiations between the Arab leaders and the Security Council, and the Arab meeting in Amman will in their negotiations try to guarantee that Arab military efforts have not been vain.

Israel accepted the Council's call to cease fire, when its Government called on all Jewish forces to stop firing as from 3 a.m. Palestine time tomorrow, provided the Arabs do likewise.

The Arabs accepted the truce when Faris Bey Al Khoury, Syrian delegate to the United Nations and President of the Security Council this month, received a cable from the Arab states, declaring their acceptance and promising a detailed reply by cable later today.

The Jews, in their reply, said the cease-fire order to Israel's forces had been given on the assumption: 1. The ban on the import of arms to Arab countries, proposed by the Council during a one-month truce, shall apply to the delivery from stocks owned or controlled by foreign powers within the territories of the Arab states; 2. During the cease-fire the armaments of neither side shall seek the advance beyond the areas they now hold, and each side shall be entitled to maintain their present positions.

While both Jews and Arabs have informed the Council of their ingenuities to abide by a truce, earlier reports today indicate that Israeli forces have reached the Mediterranean at Nathanya, thus cutting communications between Tel-Aviv and Haifa.

JERUSALEM SHELLING

Arab Legion "shelling" of Jewish positions in Jerusalem meanwhile continued today. Only interruptions occurred when the Arab gunners stopped shelling the Hebrew University after lunch when a two-hour truce was arranged to evacuate

100 seriously wounded Arabs from the French Hospital in the Old City. Israeli troops today stood around Tel-Aviv in a semi-circle 11 to 14 kilometres away and with Arab irregulars recaptured the main water pumping station on the pipeline to Jerusalem, about 11 kilometres from the Jewish capital.

An Israeli communiqué also claimed that the Jews retreated in panic from Kfar Yona, about three kilometres east of the Nathanya crossroad on the Tel-Aviv Haifa Road, leaving a number of dead and injured. The Haganah commander was killed, it was stated.

Egyptian forces, meanwhile, are attacking all Jewish colonies on the 25-mile stretch of the Palestine coast between Iddud—to the south of Tel-Aviv, and Tel-Aviv. Egyptian planes bombed Jewish Rehovoth, about 10 miles southeast of the Jewish capital, leaving it in flames.—Reuter.

HANDING OVER WOUNDED

Amman, June 1.—Paul J. Rueger, President of the International Red Cross committee, announced today that the Jewish authorities are evacuating 800 Arab wounded soldiers and more than 400 Arab civilians to Arab lines in Jerusalem.

He said the action was in return for "the very generous way the Arab authorities carried out the evacuation of Jewish non-combatants from the surrendered Jewish quarter of the old City last Friday and Saturday." The number exceeded 1,500.

Eighty wounded were due to be handed over to the Arabs during the afternoon from the French hospital in Jerusalem.

Arab civilians including women, children, and the aged were being collected at a concentration point first before the evacuation.

"That is difficult because of snipers," he explained.—Associated Press.

COMMONS QUESTIONS

London, June 1.—The actions of the Arab Legion in Palestine since the termination of the British mandate were not Britain's responsibility, Mr. Michael Stewart, speaking for the War Office, said in the House of Commons today.

He was replying to questions by a Communist Member, Mr. P. Piratin, and Mr. S. Silverman, a Labour Member.

The War Office, Mr. Stewart said, had every reason to believe that the forces of the Arab Legion would get out of Palestine before the termination of the mandate on May 15.

When Mr. Silverman asked: "But is it not a fact that they were back again in Palestine on May 10?" Mr. Stewart replied: "What they have done in Palestine since the termination of the mandate is not our responsibility."

After Mr. Stewart had stated in reply to Mr. Piratin that the responsibility of the British commander in Palestine for the Arab Legion had ended with the termination of the mandate, Mr. Silverman interjected: "Do you then say that an undertaking given to this House that the Legion should leave by the 15th is fulfilled when the British commander in Palestine allows the Legion to come back again on the 10th?"

Mr. Stewart replied: "There is no question of allowing the Legion to return." The Legion ceases to be under his command, and I think it was perfectly clear to the House when the original undertaking was given that that would be the legal and practical situation.—Reuter.

HK Woman In Window Ledge Drama

San Francisco, June 1.—A 41-year-old Hongkong Chinese woman, Wong Loy, despondent because the immigration authorities refused to allow her to join her American-Chinese husband, Gin Hop-lok of Aberdeen, Washington, climbed out the 14th storey ledge of Appraisers Building today and defied efforts of firemen, police and interpreters to lure her from her suicide perch.

A crowd of 5,000 spectators jammed the streets, forcing a rerouting of traffic.

The woman, who arrived from Hongkong on January 17, spoke no English. Two interpreters and her lawyer called to her in Chinese from the floor above, while two companies of firemen rigged a large jumping net in the street below.

DEATH LEAP POSSIBLE

It is still possible for her to clear the net in a jump to death. She has been on the narrow ledge, with the brick wall of the Bay whipping her black dress about her, for over three hours.

The Immigration Regional chief, Mr. I. F. Wilson, said the Immigration Board of Inquiry ruled that there was insufficient evidence of marital relationship and had ordered the woman deported.

Her appeal is still pending at the Immigration Board in Washington.

The authorities said the woman reached the ledge by a painter's ladder that had been left on the exercise roof of detention quarters on the 16th floor.—United Press.

Bill To Help Shanghai DPs

Washington, June 1.—A Bill for providing for the admission to the United States as non-quota immigrants of 5,000 persons displaced by the war from their homes in Europe and now living in Shanghai and other areas of Central and Eastern Europe.

The refugees colony in Shanghai originally numbered 11,000, but 6,000 have been absorbed by Australia, South America, the United States and some European countries, to which they returned as repatriates.

To be eligible for admission under the Bill, these displaced persons must have entered Shanghai after January 1, 1938, and must be living there at present. They would be required to use the privilege of entry to the United States by June 30, 1950.

The Bill would apply to those persons irrespective of nationality.—Reuter.

He's Quite A Magician!

Clermont Ferrand, via Paris, June 1. Antoine Mariniani, professional magician, was under arrest here today, charged with turning more than 2,000,000 francs worth of gold coins into lead slugs in a private performance.

The police brigade of Clermont Ferrand arrested Mariniani and his friend, Alexandre Gibault, on the complaint of the proprietor of Royal Hotel. The hotel man charged that the pair approached him last month with an offer to buy his establishment.

They allegedly told the hotel man they had a sack of gold which they wanted to exchange for banknotes. The gold coins were duly counted out before a bank representative who handed over paper money.

When the banker opened the sack of "coins," he found only lead slugs which Mariniani allegedly had substituted for the real thing in the sleight of hand manoeuvre.—United Press.

PORTLAND THREATENED BY FLOODS

Portland, Oregon, June 1.—Army engineers tonight ordered the mass evacuation of a 120-mile stretch on the flooded Columbia River, whose swirling waters are swamping the outskirts of this city of 660,000 people.

Many thousands of inhabitants of the affected area—at the lower end of the stream—have already fled. The Army authorities said the flood has already cost at least 20 lives and more than \$37,000,000 in property losses.

The crest of the torrent, coming hourly nearer, is expected to reach Portland City tonight or early tomorrow. Already, the railway station and some streets are flooded. All of the dead will not be known until the waters recede. Two huge dams still resist the mighty force of the Columbia River, swollen by melting snows from the Rocky Mountains.

One of them, the Grand Coulee, the world's largest man-built structure, is 420 miles from here; the other, Bonneville, is 40 miles away.

HOMES ABANDONED

Army engineers today ordered all but flood workers out of the area behind the dykes. Thousands of people abandoned their homes and swelled the stream of refugees fleeing from the area.

They tried to race the waters to the safety of high ground. Transportation, communications and electric power are crippled, hampering rescue operations.

The river is in a flood stage for 750 miles. It also threatens many small towns at its lower end. The threat of the waters increased today as the Pacific high tide lent its force to the torrent. Sinking walls, painfully built with hours of labour, were swept away in minutes.

Army engineers estimated today that \$27,000,000 of damage was done when the tiny war-built town of Vanport was virtually swept away by the torrent. No estimates of casualties have yet been made.—Reuter.

TRUMAN'S ORDER

Washington, June 1.—President Truman today ordered the full resources of the Federal Government into action to save the people fleeing from the rising waters of the Columbia River.

The President ordered the Federal Works Administrator, Major General Philip Fleming, to coordinate all Federal agencies giving aid.

Three more dykes gave way today and the entire system along the lower reach of the Columbia River was today in danger of being washed away.—Reuter.

Seven Chinese Killed In Baton Charge By Singapore Police

Singapore, June 1.—Seven Chinese were killed and 10 injured today when police made a baton charge on 200 dismissed Chinese employees who had refused to leave a rubber estate near Segamat, 125 miles north of Singapore.

The Chinese had been given a month's notice by the European management, who recently took over the estate and had found difficulty in controlling the workers.

Most of the dismissed workers had refused to leave, saying they would run the estate themselves. The clash began when the police, who were sent to investigate the situation, were surrounded by

Chinese armed with sticks, stones, bottles and spears. There were no police casualties, and no shots were fired.

Malaya's Police Commissioner, Mr. H. B. Lansbury, reviewing the labour unrest in the Federation yesterday, said that in future "force would be met with force." He attacked "subversive political bodies" who, he said, were exhorting trade union workers to resort to violence to gain their ends.

Other incidents today included: Dismissed employees set fire to a rubber factory at Senai, 15 miles north of Johore Bahru, and started four other fires on the estate.

In Singapore, a Chinese gunman shot and critically wounded a Chinese sawmill supervisor where there has been much industrial unrest lately.

Two Sikh policemen were killed, and nine others injured when a tyre burst and a lorry overturned while taking reinforcements to the scene of another labour dispute at Slim River, about 60 miles north of Kuala Lumpur.

Three hundred British troops and police were standing by awaiting the eviction of 70 dismissed strikers who had refused to leave the Klappa Ball and Lima Blas rubber estates.—Reuter.

Gasperi's 8-Point Programme For Recovery Of Italy

EXPANSION OF EDUCATION AND AGRARIAN REFORMS

Rome, June 1.—Signor Alcide de Gasperi, the Italian Prime Minister, announced an eight-point programme for his new Government when the Italian Parliament opened here today.

The points were:

- 1.—The use of Marshall aid through a plan that would not affect private enterprise.
- 2.—The adjustment of the internal financial situation and the defence of the lira through increased saving and continued encouragement for the investment of foreign capital in Italy.
- 3.—The financial policy of Signor Luigi Einaudi, the new Italian President and former Budget Minister, would continue.
- 4.—Agrarian reforms based on reducing to the minimum the number of farm labourers, turning them into small farmers through a redistribution of land from big estates.
- 5.—The emigration policy now being worked out in talks with other countries, especially Britain, on large-scale development works in Central Africa.
- 6.—An expansion of the education programme including the setting up of 10,000 new State schools for the fight against illiteracy.
- 7.—The Government to continue its present foreign policy, collaborating in full within the European organisation, favouring European economic co-operation as in the Italian-French customs union.
- 8.—At this stage the Premier said the British, French and United States proposals for the return of Trieste as a sign of renewed confidence in Italy.

He also hoped for an understanding on the part of the "Big Four" regarding Italy's former colonies.

Foreign trade agreements would be extended and a commission was being prepared to go to Russia, he added.

TO FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT

7.—A series of special reforms and public works projects, aimed at fighting unemployment, giving the workers a higher living standard and inviting the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro to co-operate.

8.—The Government to continue its policy for maintenance of public order, using all the means necessary to stop the illegal preparation for a civil war.

Many arms are still hidden in Italy, mostly held by "private organisations," Signor de Gasperi said. He was constantly interrupted from the left benches during his speech and only by the intention of Chamber officers was a fight between the Communists and Christian Democrats avoided.

These promises were the first concrete policy announcements of Signor de Gasperi's three-weeks old Cabinet, formed after the sweeping majority of his Christian Democrat Party in the April elections.

The programme was in line with the Premier's post-election speech, when he said the new Government would "rebuild" Italy.—Reuter.

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SUCCESS OF 6-POWER TALKS

Agreement On Three Important Points

London, June 1.—The main achievements of the six-power talks in London on Germany, which ended tonight, are authoritatively stated to include:

- 1.—Agreement to set up a German constituent Assembly for the three Western Zones on or about September 1, 1948;
- 2.—The creation of an international control organisation for the Ruhr industries composed of the six powers—Britain, France, the United States, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—and representatives of Western Germany, with powers over the distribution of key Ruhr products, in particular coal, coke and steel; and;
- 3.—Agreement to introduce currency reform in the Western Zones of Germany—probably early in July—but not, it is anticipated, in the Western Sectors of Berlin.

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Lewis Won't Bargain

Washington, June 1.—John L. Lewis argued today that he is not required to bargain with the "hostile, arbitrary" Southern Coal Producers Association.

This was his reply to the Government's motion for a Taft-Hartley Act injunction to compel his United Mine Workers to seek a contract with the Association.

Lewis' lawyers filed a motion to dismiss the injunction suit brought by Robert M. Donham, general counsel of the National Labour Relations Board.

The Taft-Hartley law requires the Unions and Employers to bargain in good faith with each other. Lewis has refused to bargain with the Southern group on the ground it did not take part in the previous contract talks, and the National negotiations for a soft coal contract have collapsed as a result.

The Union, in moving to dismiss the suit, filed a long affidavit from Lewis himself attacking the Southern group and explaining why he won't deal with it.—Associated Press.



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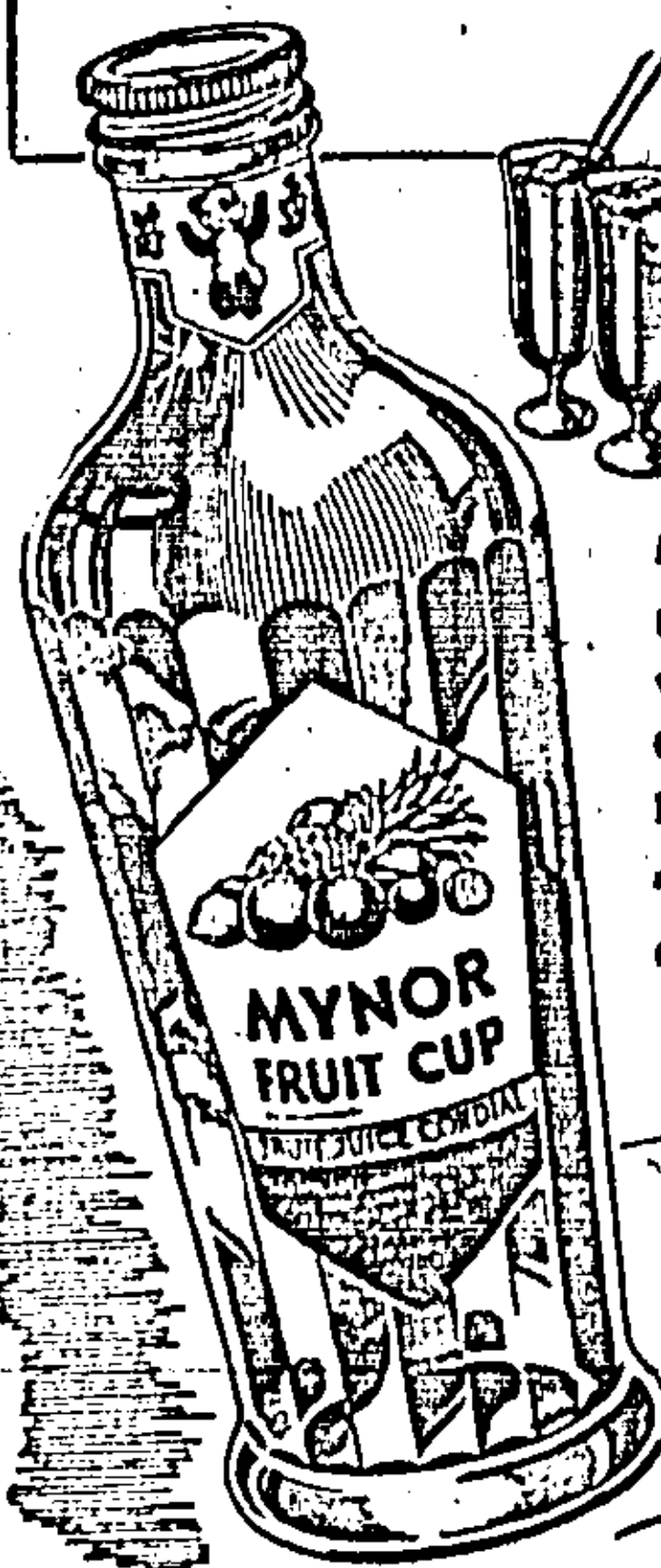
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URGENT NOTICES RECEIVED
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NEW IN THE SUN



Three-piece outfit.

By VERA WINSTON

It is sun-dress time, a fact recognized by the shops that are showing up on some nice fashions in this category. Black spun rayon is used for this dress with a camisole top and fully flared skirt. With it is worn a waist length jacket in brightly plaided cotton. It has a double cape collar with short sleeves showing under the cape. It is double breasted with eight black buttons. This is a nice little number for week-enders.

Fashion Odds

A new fancy jewellery has come into Bond-street. It is the Perky Parakeet which costs £200. It's made of amber and gold, and is worn sitting perched on the top of one shoulder as you see here.



PERSONAL note for Lana Turner when the Mauretania docked at Southampton: "I see you're reported as having among your luggage chiffon nighties of less-than-knee-length. This has me puzzled, Lana! Chiffon—yes, less-than-knee-length—yes. But the two together—why, in the world of glamour, that amounts to very little indeed."

THE number of people in London undergoing rhinoplasty—the surgical operation to reshape and beautify the nose—has nearly doubled in the past year. Average West End charge: 300 guineas.

DISTRESSING remark overheard by proprietor of the night-club famous for its Cuban band: "Love is when you'd rather wait than conge."

—ANNE EDWARDS.

Don't Tell Your Age!

Women never should tell their age, no matter how old they are. Miss Mary G. Hanlon, who retired recently after serving thirty-two years as parish secretary of a Protestant church in New York, declared recently:

"Too many hasty marriages," she observed, "lead to divorce." She said that now after the war, marriages are getting back to a normal pace. She is happy to find the divorce rate declining.

Although advocating marriages at an early age, she thought that 16 was too young for the average girl, and urged that two people considering marriage should spend about a year getting to know each other first. "If people marry young, they have more chance to grow together," she said.

WOMANSENSE

A FRIED CHICKEN PLATTER

"AS you know, it is the difference between Maryland and Virginia fried chicken?" I asked the valued, elderly coloured head waiter of the Country Club in Baltimore.

"It's mostly in the way the chicken is cut and the food that's served with it," he explained. "At their best they are both pan-fried in a combination of butter and lard. I don't have no truck with chicken that's fried in deep fat. In Virginia the chicken is disjointed and cut into sections. In Maryland it is cut into squares. For the Virginia fried chicken platter, brown gravy is made in the frying pan, and the chicken is served with fried slices of cornmeal mush and a garnish of bacon."

"And chicken Maryland?" I prompted.

Potato Croquettes

"That is correctly served with small potato croquettes, corn fritters and cream sauce," he explained. "And also with a garnish of bacon."

DINNER

Chilled Grape Fruit Juice
Fried Chicken, Virginia Style
Cornmeal Slices, Snap Beans
"Trifle"
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

Fried Chicken, Virginia Style, with Bacon

Remove the pin feathers from a 2½-lb. frying chicken. Then scrub thoroughly with soap water; rinse and pat dry. Disjoint and cut up in 10 pieces as for fricassee. Roll each piece in flour seasoned with salt and pepper. Then slow-brown in a large heavy frying pan, using equal parts of lard and butter. Turn only once. This takes about 20 min. when the chicken should be cooked through, but many move a little tough. So dot with a little extra butter or margarine, cover closely and steam in a slow oven, 325 F. about 30 min. Serve the chicken heaped on a platter; garnish with crisp slices of bacon, and surround with over-lapping slices of fried cornmeal mush. Pass brown gravy made from the drippings in the frying pan.

"Trifle"

Make 1 pt. plain soft custard and cool it. (This custard recipe has been given several times in this column. I hope you are saving your recipes and making a scrap book as you can refer to them as necessary.) Meantime, in a qt.-sized glass serving dish, place 4 slices sponge cake cut up in strips, or use 4 lady fingers; or 3 lady fingers and 2 coarse-crumbed macaroons. Spread lightly with raspberry jam. Pour in the custard and chill. Just before serving cover with 2 stiffly beaten, sweetened egg whites, mixed with a few shredded toasted almonds or chopped hazel nuts, and use vanilla flavoured sweetened whipped evaporated milk or heavy cream.

Smacking-Good Mackerel! In almost every section—of the country some kind of mackerel is available, at a reasonable price. If small mackerel are in the market, it's fun to serve a whole one to a person. If there's no fresh mackerel, get a salt mackerel; soak it overnight to remove the excess salt, and then bake it in milk, according to the directions in this column.

Odd Facts

After picking up \$2500 worth of jewellery in a Newark, N. J., home, burglars helped themselves to a roast beef dinner and also took time before leaving to shave with an electric razor they found in the bathroom.

In Memphis, Tenn., two men who had been living unmolested in a house they found vacant 23 years ago, were surprised when the landlord turned up and asked them to start paying rent.

A fall of four storeys sustained by a New York man who was pushed off a roof during a fight left him with nothing more serious than a few bruises.

After apparently having spent several hours first trying to pick the lock of a door and then trying to reach his hand inside, a burglar robbing a home in New Orleans found the door had been unlocked all the time.

High quality sateen is one of the things used in processing powdered milk.

DINNER

Cabbage and Radish Salad
Dark Bread

Mackerel Baked in Milk
Popped Potatoes New Turnips
Strawberry Vanilla Cream
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Mackerel Baked in Milk
Allow a 1-lb. mackerel for each 2 persons, or a 2-lb. mackerel for 4. Remove the head, tail and fins. Split and clean the fish; rinse with cold water, drain, and place on a fireproof baking platter. Dust with 3 tsp. flour mixed with ½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Pour over hot milk to nearly cover, about 1 pt. (Use either whole milk or reconstituted dried skim milk. Dot with 1 tsp. margarine or butter, and bake until tender, about 25 min. in a moderate oven, at 375 F.

THE KITCHEN FRONT
—by—
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Popped Potatoes
Scrub medium-sized potatoes. Rub with cooking fat, and bake 45 to 50 min., or until soft throughout. Remove at once from the oven. Cut a cross an inch wide in the side of each; then with the fingers, "pop" the potato pulp from the side. Dust with paprika, and place a half pat of butter or coloured margarine in each.

Strawberry Vanilla Cream
Make up a package of vanilla-flavoured pudding powder according to directions. Transfer to custard cups or individual ring moulds; chill until firm. Unmould, and pour over sliced strawberries allowed to stand with granulated sugar to sweeten about 15 min., or until juice is formed. Top with whipped cream if desired.

TRICK OF THE CHEF
To give 3 c. cooked sliced new turnips a nice flavour, season with 1 tsp. browned butter, 1 tsp. plain or herb flavoured vinegar, and 1 tsp. sugar; keep hot for 10 min.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mrs. Cuckoo Had a Problem

—She Had Saved Up Sixty Whole Seconds—

By MAX TRELL

"YES," Mr. Punch was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow children, with the turned-around names, "Mrs. Cuckoo can't make up her mind just what to do. It's really a very hard problem. No one else has ever had one like it before."

Knarf and Hanid were very curious to know what this problem was. So Mr. Punch told them. "Well, it's like this," he said. "Mrs. Cuckoo has charge of all the seconds and minutes in the clock. In fact, she lives inside the clock, and opens her door every hour to tell everybody what time it is. Now Mrs. Cuckoo—and I don't think everyone knows this—never wastes any of her seconds or minutes, or to put it another way, she never likes to waste time. For the past month or so she has been saving up the seconds until today she has a full minute all saved up."

Full Minute Ahead
"Yes," said Hanid, "I noticed that Mrs. Cuckoo called out eight o'clock a full minute ahead of the Grandfather's clock that stands at the top of the stairs."

Mr. Punch smiled and went on. "Of course, Mrs. Cuckoo likes to save time, but she also likes to keep her clock in time. So now she has this extra minute, and she doesn't know what to do with it. "Why doesn't she give it away?" asked Knarf.

She'd like to give it away," said Mr. Punch. "But she doesn't know whom to give it to. It's got her quite upset. I think it would be a very good idea if both of you went up to see her and help her to decide how to give that extra minute away."

Knarf and Hanid thought this was a very good idea, too. They waited until Mrs. Cuckoo opened the door again (at exactly one minute before nine o'clock) and went inside. They found her sitting in her rocking chair knitting and trying to think at the same time. The two shadow children explained that Mrs. Punch had told them all about the extra minute, and that they wanted to help her decide what to do with it.

"I know a boy," said Knarf, "who's always one minute late for school. If you gave him that min-



The shadows found Mrs. Cuckoo knitting.

ute he'd always come just on time."

"Hmmm," said Mrs. Cuckoo without looking up from her knitting.

A Little Girl

"I know a little girl," said Hanid, "who always likes to stay up a minute after her mother tells her it's time to go to bed. She'd certainly like to have that extra minute."

"Hmmm," said Mrs. Cuckoo again, still not looking up from her knitting.

Then Knarf and Hanid told her about Father, who needed an extra minute to catch his train in the morning, and Mother, who needed an extra minute to get dinner ready, and all the boys and girls who wanted an extra minute to play, or for their birthdays, or to try their kites or spin their tops or eat their ice cream cones.

Looked Up

And finally Mrs. Cuckoo looked up. She was knitting away, went to her cupboard and took out the minute and flew off with it through the back door.

Do you know what she did with it?

She gave the extra minute to Robin, who came every morning and sang for the little sick girl who lived in the blue house at the end of the road. Because when Robin sang the little girl forgot she was sick—and nothing could have been better than for her to forget she was sick for one minute more.

Treating Complexion Ills



If you suffer from a dry skin condition, use a good cream twice a day.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT is grand to be satisfied with one's complexion. Few women are. It is either too dry or too oily. It isn't fair enough, or hasn't good colouring. The pores are coarse. If it isn't one thing it is another. The list of good-looks ills to which the skin may suffer is as long as your arm; freckles, fine lines, black points in the pores.

Treatment of dry skin is easy. You put more butter on your bread, more oil in your salad dressing; all that makes the sebaceous glands hustle up their business of lubricating the surface of the skin. Also you use creams lavishly. But poor oilies! They ply the powder pads and nothing much happens.

Let them put their faith in a fat-free diet. No pastries, no fat meats, no cream or chocolate. Once a day they should have a green

snail. Every morning they should have orange or tomato juice. This system works. It really does. And, of course, a certain amount of local treatment is necessary. At bed-time there should be a thorough, soapy facial scrubbing.

Soap is the good friend of oily skin because it is drying. It must be rinsed away with warm water. After a gentle drying an astringent should be used.

The selection of a light powder plays an important part. Some powders have a creamy base. They are compounded for the dry complexion, should not be used by girls whose faces carry a film of oil.

Compact rouge is preferred, in these cases, to cream rouge. But don't overlook the diet suggestions; they are of first importance.

How To Make A Clock

(cont. from yesterday)

Now cut the paper, fold in quarters and then measure and mark until you have 12 sections. Then put it on the back of the plate again and mark where you will want the figures from 1 to 12. Draw the figures as neatly as you can. You might add a ring or two with red crayon to set off the figures.

Now arrange the coloured string, or cord, as shown in the picture, with a loop at the top and tassel below, slipping the coils, or buttons, on several and pieces. Tie knots to hold them in place.

The loop at the top should be drawn through a hole made at the top of the back plate.

Then fasten the two plates together with the bolt. But be sure that you have slipped the "hands" over the bolt. The bolt should be fairly loose so that you can move the hands of the clock. Paint the outer edge with gold paint.

Hang the finished clock on the wall of your room and see if you don't agree that even if it doesn't go tick-tock, tick-tock, it pleases the idea and "ticks" in your heart.

Cats Can Learn Tricks

DENVER—Cats can learn tricks, nine-year-old Retha Lindquist contends.

Tough and Puff, two striped alley cats, are her pets. The felines are more at home in dolls' clothes than roaming the alleys.

They will spend half an hour at a time on their backs, legs stiff in the air, playing "dead." They like to pretend to eat with spoon and fork. They like to push each other around in a doll buggy.

Rupert's Island Adventure—1



Willie the Mouse has come in to play with Rupert and the two have done a jigsaw puzzle, played with a ball, and looked at Rupert's newest book. Then the little bear brings out his building blocks. "This is fine," says Willie. "Let's see who can be the first to make a five-story house." Rupert soon sits back on his heels. "I wish I knew how to build something that was not so wobbly," he sighs. "This is difficult." As he speaks his little house topples over again.

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RED RYDER

A Threat

By Fred Harman



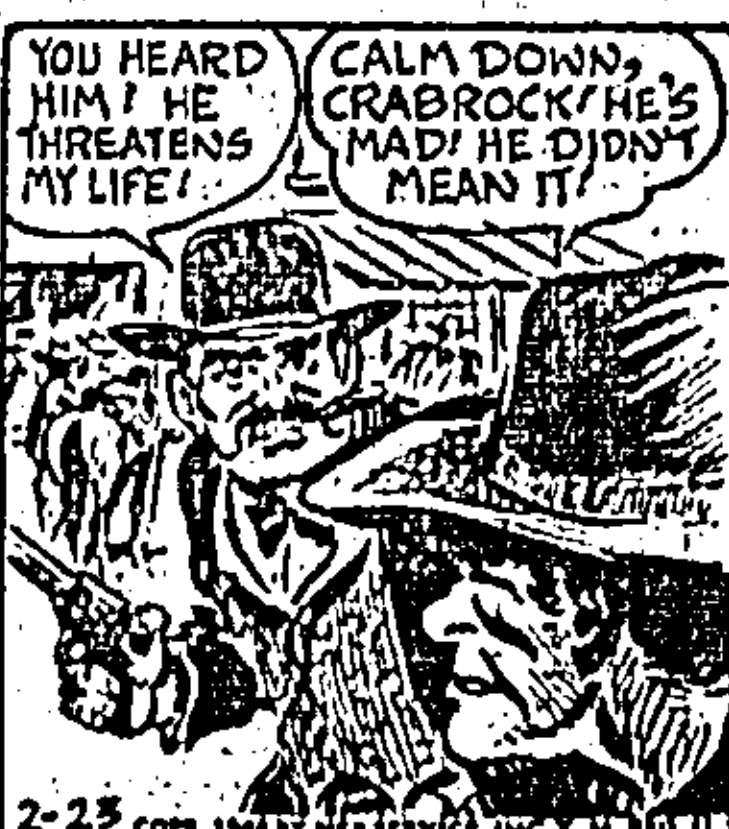
MART LENNAN AND JONAS CRABROCK CLASH OVER A MORTGAGE ON LENNAN'S RANCH.



THREATENING ME WON'T KEEP ME FROM FORECLOSING ON YOUR PLACE. LENNAN NOW STAY AWAY FROM ME OR I'LL KILL YOU!



IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THAT GUN, I'D BREAK YOUR NECK.



YOU HEARD THAT? CALM DOWN, CRABROCK! HE'S THREATENING MY LIFE!



MEAN IT!



I WAS ONLY TRYING TO SAVE MY HOME, BUT IT'S HOPELESS.



JUST THE SAME. I'M TAKIN' NO CHANCES.

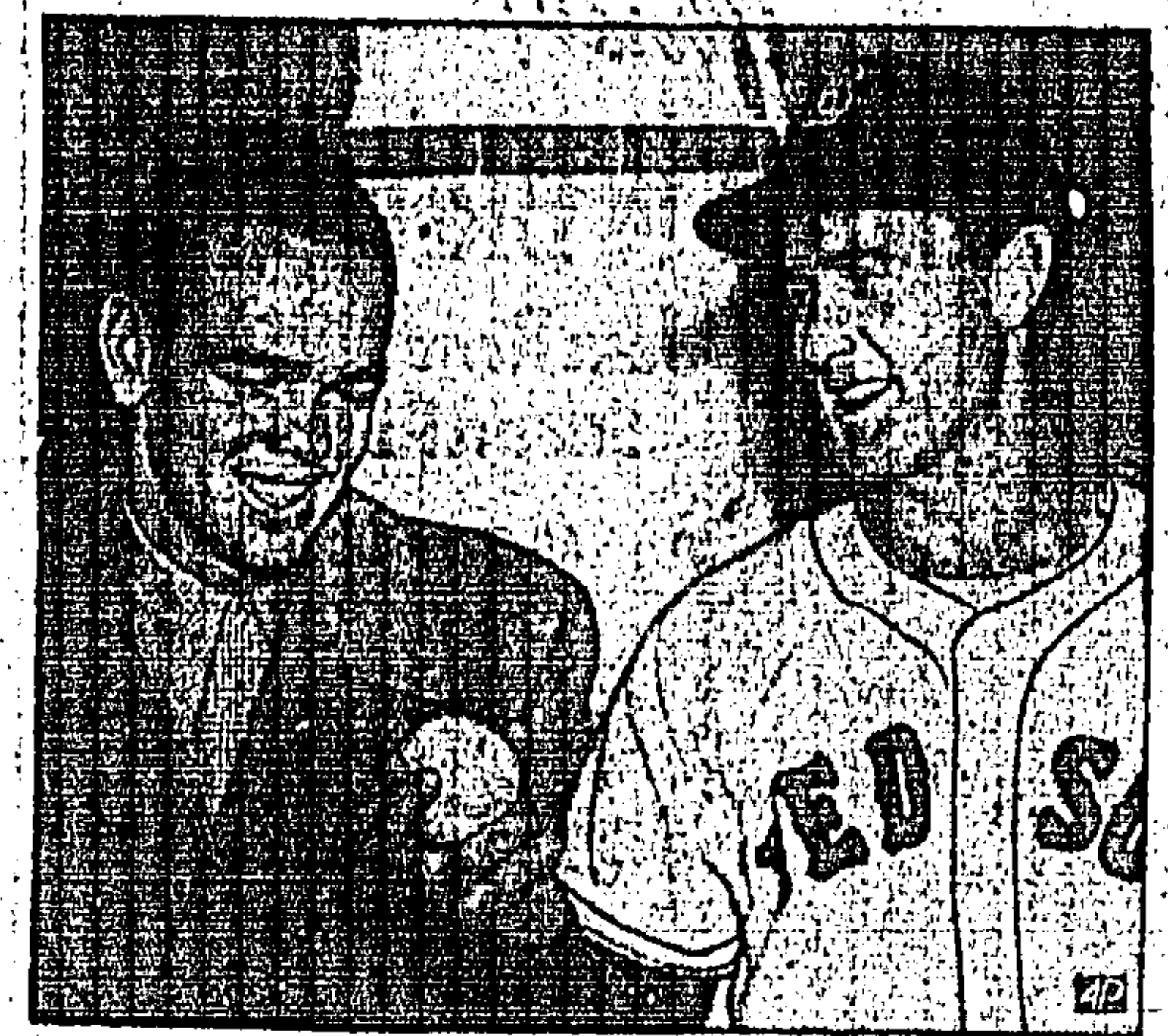
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



THEY SAILED ATLANTIC—Crewmen stand aboard the 23-foot sailboat, Mon-sunen, in which they cruised 10,000 miles from Goteburg, Sweden, to New York. Left to right: Gunnar Hildebrand, Ake Eliasson, the skipper, and Thor Wolff. Their route was via European ports, the West Indies, Miami and Cape Hatteras. Riverside Drive apartment houses are in the background.



RENYARD OUT-FOXED—Seven-year-old Billy Krimech of Hammond, Indiana, holds his pet rooster as the stray fox he spotted in his yard sits behind the chicken wire. Billy heard the rooster crow, ran barefooted into the cold and chased the fox into the coop.



SPORT NAMESAKES—Jack Kramer (left), former U.S. National amateur tennis champion, converses with Jack Kramer, star pitcher of the Red Sox, in the latter's dressing room in Boston.



DIRECTOR—Dr. Edward U. Condon directs the U.S. Bureau of Standards, which handles research on American military secrets.



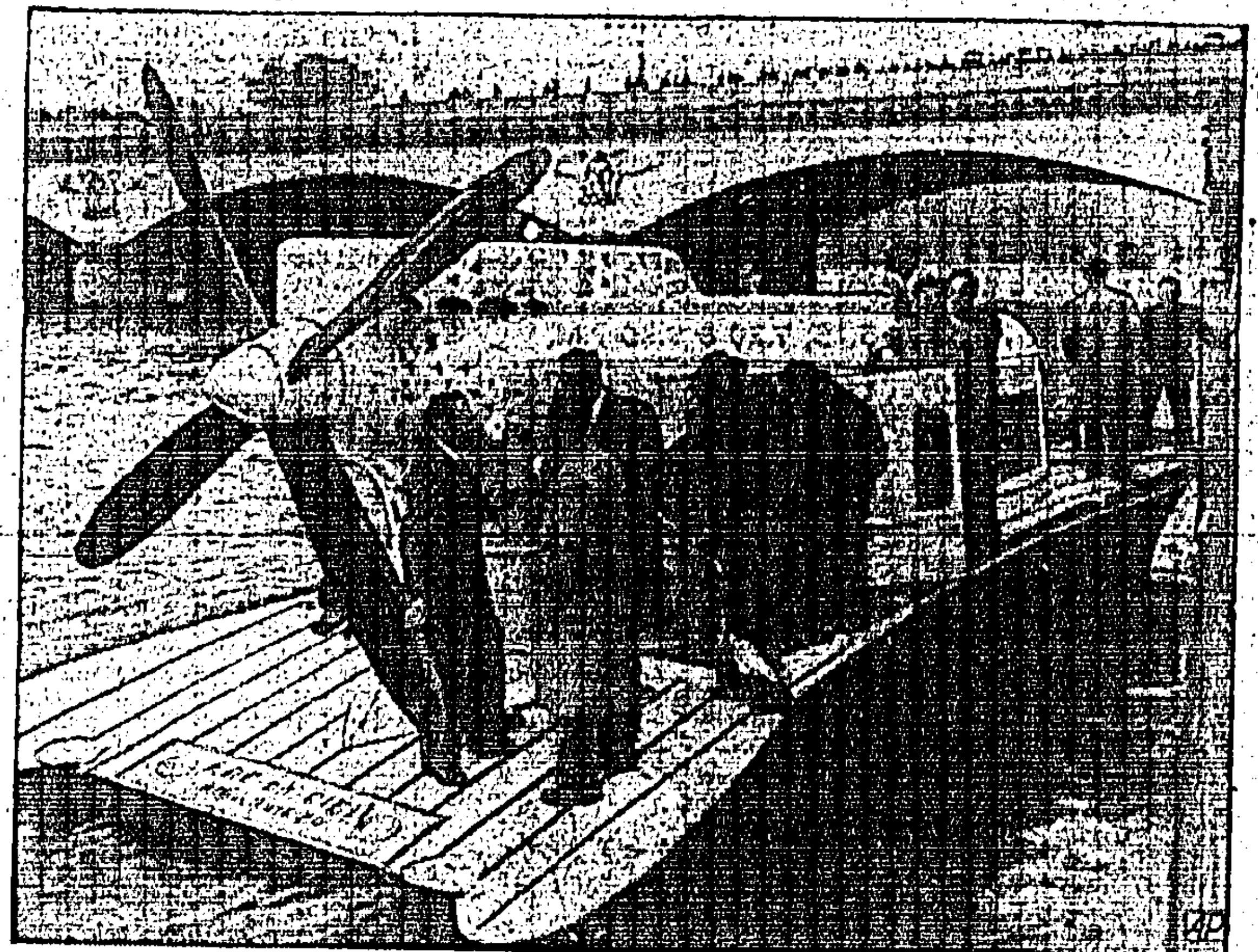
RED-HUNTER—Representative J. Parnell Thomas, New Jersey Republican, is chairman of the U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee.



UNDER ARREST—Houdini, a Judas goat that leads lambs to slaughter for a Buffalo food plant, was found pilfering trash boxes. He was booked on a charge and spent one night in gaol.



AD FOR A LOST HEAD—Authorities in Florence, Italy, posted an advertisement (lower right) for the return of the head (picture at upper right) of the statue of "Primavera" (Spring). The head was last seen in the mud of the Arno river after a wartime artillery duel between Germans and Italian partisans. Officials assumed that someone took the head for a souvenir.



LATEST IN HYDROPLANES—Rene Couzinet (left), French aircraft designer, holds the prop of the Rainbow, the hydroplane he built in Rio de Janeiro, upon arrival in Paris from Le Havre. The boat has a 500 horsepower engine and carries 20 passengers.

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JEWISH PRISONERS GUARDED—Four Jewish prisoners (centre) are marched to the headquarters of Fawzi Bey Al Kauji, Arab leader, after their capture in northern Palestine. The Arabs said the Jews were wearing Arab dress and would be tried as spies.

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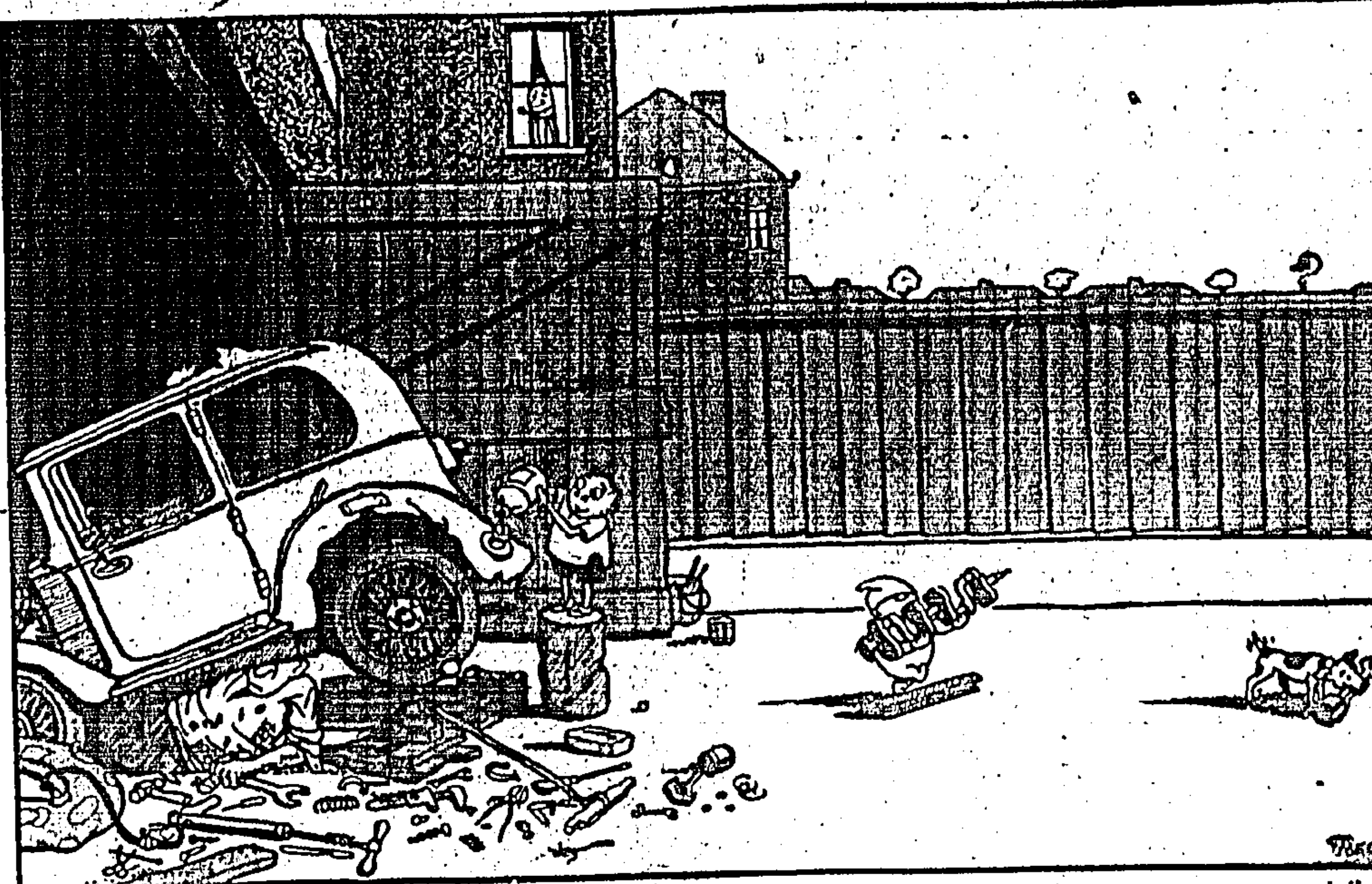
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"THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER"*"Dad—the nice man next door said he'd give me sixpence if I'd put some red ink in your tank."*

Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

**Sitting on the
Fence**by **NATHANIEL
GUBBINS****PROGRESS** report for
seven days following the
Budget.The following resolutions
were made the morning the
new taxes were published:No alcoholic drinks to be taken
till after sundown. Even then no
drinks to be accepted from anybody
or bought for anybody.As a defence measure against
women, no cigarettes to be carried in
the pocket. A smaller number of
cheaper cigarettes to be smoked in
private. As a further defence
against women, a pipe to be smoked
in public.If money-saving methods
fail, no money to be carried any-
where except on journeys to pay
fines.**First day**THIS day was spent waiting for
sundown, and wondering what
was going to happen on Midsummer
Day, when the sun doesn't go down
till almost closing time.There were also some reflections
on Eschimos. If they kept to this
rule they would have no blinges they
could have in the winter, when the
sun went down for six months.The day also spent fruitfully
smoking cigarettes at the top of the
house. This was at once a defence
against Life Partner, the Plucky
Little Woman, but it didn't work.The P.L.W. has two methods of
smoking cigarettes. One is to
run all over your Uncle Nat's
pockets with her hands like a
policeman searching for a
character for a cigarette. The other is to
walk round his room humming, and
pretending to tidy things up.When her hum gets louder he
knows she has found a half-
empty packet under some papers
or in a dressing-gown pocket.
On this occasion she chose the
second method. Her hum got so
loud he knew she had found some-
thing good. It was nearly a full
packet, his post-Budget ration for
the day.**Second day**AND two or three minutes longer
than yesterday.What about making a compromise
on lighting-up time? That's just
before sundown, or is it just after?As a matter of fact, it's about half
an hour later, but wouldn't that
make the resolution harder to keep
and, in the end, cheaper?Lighting-up time is eight-
something-or-other p.m., not too
early and not too late for a couple
of night-caps, taken alone, and no
hospitality from hearty characters
who either live on credit or dodge
their income tax.Lighting-up time turns out to be
right, of course. In fact, one could
almost make a jolly little joke
about it on the lines of "The Fleet's
lit up."Despite refusals and quite a little
speech about saving money by a
no-treating rule, the hearty charac-
ters laugh the whole thing off. One
resolution gone.**Third day**MOST of this day spent in secret
smoking and wondering what
would happen to the social life ofwomen if all men refused to buy
anybody a drink and refused to
give anybody a cigarette.As most bars are now filled with
women, standing or sitting around,
helplessly waiting for somebody to
buy them something or give them
something to swallow or smoke,
what would they do if they were
offered nothing but conversation?Your Uncle Nat's guess is that
they would first try to shame some-
body into pushing the boat out by
fumbling in their handbags. If
this didn't work (that is if they
were allowed to buy themselves a
drink like everybody else) they
would try to revive the treating
habit by offering hospitality all
round.If this was met with refusal what
would they do then?They would remember that at-
tack is the best defence and ask
somebody for a cigarette.And if all the chaps plucked up
their courage and shouted back in
unison: "On account of the Bud-
get we are not buying any drinks
or giving away any cigarettes," the
women would be defeated.So long as the chaps didn't
weaken, the bars of England would
be cleared of women in a week or
two, because women don't believe
in wasting money on liquor unless
it's somebody else's.Except for the prices we would
soon be back to the good old days
when only really naughty girls were
seen in bars and chaps could have
a little peace.But your Uncle Nat has little
faith in the resolution of chaps so
far as this sort of thing is con-
cerned.Instinct, tradition and habit are
ranged against them. Their only
hope of having a moderately cheap
and happy evening is to form more
and more clubs and leave the bars
to women.On this night, at lighting-up time,
a drink was bought and a cigarette
given to the P.L.W. Another resolu-
tion gone.**Fourth day**LIGHTING-UP time, like sun-
down, is getting later and later,
making this resolution harder to
keep.All that is needed now is the
arrival of some old friends at mid-
day, old friends just passing through
and stopping at the hotel for lunch.Of course, the old friends ar-
rived. They were just passing
through on their way somewhere,And, of all things, stopping at the
hotel for lunch.Oddly enough, they were out of
cigarettes, too. Even the P.L.W.
said one couldn't keep to resolu-
tions when old friends arrived.So we are now taking your over
to the hotel at 12.15 p.m. on the
fourth day after the Budget.

Yet another resolution gone.

Fifth dayIF all chaps refused to carry
cigarettes and smoked pipes,
soon all women would be smoking
pipes.This would not only make all
chaps feel extremely sick, but in a
few weeks pipe-smoking tobacco
would be off the market.There would also be a shortage
of pipes, pipe cleaners, and tobacco
pouches.Therefore it is much better to
give way on this cigarette business
and stuff your pockets full of them.
Anything is better than women
sneaking pipes and making incoherent
noise talking through them.After all, one might be a man
with a wife and seven grown-up
daughters all smoking like chim-
neys—cigarettes or pipes, which-
ever he had in his pockets.The poor devil might take to
snuff, but then so would they.**TWO HEALTH
CONGRESSES**By **DR. GEORGE GRETTON**THE health of all peoples is fundamental to
the attainment of peace and security,"
declares the draft constitution of the World
Health Organisation. For some years Britain
has realised this, for the great strides she is
making towards economic prosperity and social
stability can only be maintained if maximum
attention is paid to the welfare of her citizens.During the coming summer two inter-
national conferences will be held in London to
discuss the health of people all over the world,
in their jobs as well as their homes. In
September, doctors from 28 nations are meeting
for the first congress since the second World
War of the permanent International Commis-
sion for Industrial Medicine.Under the presidency of Mr Winston Churchill's
doctor, Lord Moran, they will talk over a wide range
of problems arising from the complexity of modern
working conditions in industry, in shops, in ships, and
on the land. Coal mining and its attendant dangers
will naturally loom large on the agenda as will other
dangerous trades. Other matters for discussion include
clinical and nursing attention and the effects of en-
vironment on working folk.A month earlier, industrial medicine will also be
on the agenda of the International Conference on
Mental Health, which starts its
sessions in August. Mental health
is an extremely broad and
important subject. At
conferences representatives of 45
countries will be debating questions
of psychology, psychiatry and
sociology in the hope that they can
make some contribution towards
helping the ordinary individual
wherever he or she may live. A
special section of the conference
will consider mental health in in-
dustry and its concomitant prob-
lem of industrial relations.**Century Ago**It is fitting that London should
have been chosen as the meeting
place for these health congresses in
1948, for it was just a century ago—
in 1848—that the first English
Public Health Act became law.Today we take the responsibility of
public authorities for public health
services so much as a matter of
course, that it is almost impossible
to appreciate that so elementary a
measure as the 1848 Bill should have
produced such a tremendous con-
troversy and outcry. Its opponents
belaboured it as the first step to-
wards revolution, and eminent
statesmen warned the nation of
dire consequences which would
ensue if these radical health pro-
posals were allowed to become law.Yet judged by our 20th century
standards, the Act was totally in-
adequate. It set out merely to
supply a simple skeleton basis for
sanitary services and its provisions,
so unpalatably revolutionary to a
large part of the population,
were mainly concerned with sup-
plying drains and facilities for
sanitation and soap.However, it was a beginning.
During the past 100 years, nations
all over the world have come to ac-
cept their responsibilities for public
health services and allied activities.The great social welfare legislation
carried out by Britain during
century years—town and country plan-
ning, food subsidies, public assistance
measures, family allowances and the
new all-embracing National Health
Act which becomes operative in
July—owes its origin to a determined
will to now forgotten people 100
years ago. So, too, does industrial
medicine. Today organisations such
as the British Medical Research
Council carry on medical research
into industry through hospitals and
universities in London and many
of the large manufacturing centres
of the United Kingdom.**Nation's Well-being**Research and practice of medical
science in industry, in common with
all public health services, are just-
ified on humanitarian grounds alone.
But they also benefit the nation
in a material manner is shown by
the fact that today Britain's men
and women are resolutely setting
out to produce more than ever be-
fore both for home consumption and
export.Yet no one would suggest there is
not room for improvement. A re-
port published during the last few
weeks on the population of Britain
advocates many ways in which the
well-being of the people can be
further advanced. Issued by a non-
party and independent organisation
called Political and Economic Plan-
ning, it covers a wide field of sug-
gestions by which men and women
can become healthier and happier at
home and at work.So when delegates from all over
the world come to London this sum-
mer to discuss industrial medicine
and mental health, they should find
much in their surroundings to
stimulate and interest them. Certain-
ly it is that the published results of
their deliberations will be of great
benefit to doctors and industrialists
everywhere.**WONDER DRUG GOES
DOWN THE DRAINS**by **CHAPMAN PINCHER**DOCTORS have decided that for
months we have been throwing
down factory drains some of the
powerful germkilling components of
penicillin.Tests on the germs of blood
poisoning and pneumonia have
shown that the powers of impure
penicillin are between two and
three times greater than those of
the pure drug. Other experiments
have shown that some successes are
due entirely to "impurities" and not
to the refined penicillin.Recently doctors have been com-
plaining that the drug is being over-
purified, and it is certainly far less
effective in combating germs than
the less pure war-time product.The manufacturers believe this is
entirely due to the graduallydeveloped resistance of germs to the
drug.Three years ago a team of British
medical researchers led by Dr. H.
Roland Segar at the Wellhouse
Hospital, Barnet, Herts, claimed re-
markable cures with a crude extract
of the penicillin mould. Their work
was largely ignored, but French
doctors followed it up and reported
that penicillin "wastes" neutralise
the poisons set-free in the blood by
the germs of diphtheria, lock-jaw,
and blood-poisoning.On the basis of all this evidence
the British Medical Journal—official
organ of the British Medical Associa-
tion—has recommended that man-
ufacturers should revert to the older
methods of production. This would
relieve the present shortage of
penicillin.By **Ernie Bushmiller****NANCY**

Gagging the Laughs



The Police Couldn't Catch Up With Him

Two Police officers on cars failed to catch up with Chan Hung-ham when he was speeding at 55 mph along Chatham Road on April 21.

This was disclosed at Kowloon Court today when Chan gave his address as the Sung Sang Trading Company, room 202, Bank of East Asia Building, appeared before Mr. Latimer on a summons for dangerous driving. He admitted the charge and was fined \$150 with an endorsement on his licence.

Inspector Brown, of the Kowloon Traffic Office, who was prosecuting, revealed that Traffic Inspector Scrim and another car were overtaking a bus along Chatham Road in the Hungshom district. While passing, defendant approached from behind and in overtaking the car, made a third line of traffic going in the same direction. After having passed Inspector Scrim, Chan increased his speed to between 40-42 mph and just before reaching the traffic island in Gascoigne Road his speed was about 50 mph. Chan continued down Chatham Road at a speed of about 55 mph.

At one time of the speeding, Inspector Scrim managed to hail defendant but as he approached, he suddenly shot away and gathered speed along Chatham Road. Inspector Scrim followed, but failed to catch up. He met a Police Superintendent and asked his assistance in chasing defendant, but the officer also failed to stop Chan. Eventually the defendant was summoned to the traffic office where he was informed that action would be taken against him for the speeding.

Letters To The Editor

Our Medical Articles

Sir,—It is a pity your articles on medical subjects are so inaccurate and misleading. I refer to your articles "Convulsions in Children" and "Penicillin Cures Ear Trouble."

My doctor tells me that the commonest cause of convulsions in infants is from a high temperature. Temperatures develop most commonly with teething and constipation. Some fearsome and rare diseases like meningitis were mentioned which put the wind up half the mothers in Hongkong, when the commonest causes were not mentioned. It is also quite untrue to say that children with febrile convulsions are more prone to develop epilepsy in adult life. This is only true for convulsions due to birth injury, but not due to any other cause.

Penicillin is quite useless in chronic running ears, unless there is free drainage; this can usually be procured only by operation. Penicillin is only useful when susceptible organisms are present and is destroyed by alcohol, both methyl and ethyl, over 25% (see "Penicillin" by Sir A. Fleming, the discoverer). This is the reason why wounds must be cleaned with ether when penicillin is to be used.

The method of treatment might be used in a minority of cases, with the ever-present danger of inflammation of the mastoid bone or abscess on the brain developing. A chronically discharging ear is in any case usually an indication that there is an inflammation of the mastoid bone already present and in that case the only thing to do is to clear it out.

In publishing medical articles, why not give something really useful like the wonderful results which are obtained with penicillin in pneumonia or in wounds, rather than take a treatment which may be of use in a small number of cases, thereby making the lay public think of penicillin for all discharging ears.

You might publish an article on the dangers of the improper use of the sulphur drugs and penicillin, and thereby (just for a change) back the Government for bringing in the ordinance for the control of the sale of these drugs, to control improper use.

LAFIUS.

HAWKER LOSES HIS TEMPER

A 23-year-old hawker Leung Kan was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning for aggravated assault on a woman Ho Su at the ground floor of No. 62 Oak Street at 11 o'clock last night.

Defendant called on his brother Leung Chat at the above address about 11 p.m. and during a conversation, his brother advised him not to gamble any more as he had already lost a lot of money. Defendant lost his temper and obtained a chopper from the kitchen, intending to attack his brother. The complainant Ho, wife of defendant's brother, tried to stop the fight and was injured on the left leg by defendant.

SERIOUS CHARGE

Tenng Hong-chau was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning with having carnal knowledge of Chan Po-tin, a girl of twelve, and Chan Su-nui, a girl of seven at No. 70, First Street, 1st floor about May 27. The case was remanded for three days.

PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY



Another beautiful woman, dressed in the fantastic garb of a Dutch Doll, lies dead in the studio.

Prison And Cane For Kidnapping Robbers

Sentence of nine years and 12 strokes was passed by Mr. Justice Gould this morning on Tsui Shuen-lung, 30, village guard, who was convicted at the Sessions by a jury of four women and three men of armed robbery and kidnapping.

Another accused, Cheung Fuk, 19, who, through his counsel Mr. A. J. Clifford (instructed by Mr. P. H. Sin), pleaded guilty to both charges, was sentenced to six years and 12 strokes.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, with Sub-Inspector Wall for the Police.

The robbery took place in San Chuen village, Shataukok, on the night of April 11 when Chan Chong-yuen, travelling trader, was robbed of \$4,000 and abducted to a pill-box in the near-by hills where he was held for ransom.

For evidence of character, Mr. Clifford called a village head, Cheung Tai-fai, who testified that he knew the accused Cheung since his birth and knew his family well. Cheung was a hard-working farmer and a good boy, but he was weak mentally and easily led astray, said witness.

A "STOGE"

Asking for leniency, Mr. Clifford said it was an accepted fact that the accused, Cheung, was a stooge throughout the whole affair who did all the work and got almost nothing for it, not even food. Cheung, even in a rural district was considered exceptionally stupid and almost amounted to being the village idiot. When caught, he was completely honest about the matter and admitted the charges, giving as little trouble as possible. A punishment of imprisonment was unnecessary as he had already been very frightened and had spent some time in custody.

Replying, Mr. Reynolds said the offences were most serious and armed robbery was very common in Hongkong at the present time. Within the last few months there had been five cases of kidnapping for ransom in the New Territories. This crime, which had been on the increase, was sometimes difficult to suppress, being so near to the Chinese border. Although there was no doubt that Cheung had been imposed upon and deceived, he took a very active part in the holding of Chan for ransom and his intelligence was not quite as low as described. He knew what was going on.

SERIOUS OFFENCES

Mr. Justice Gould said both offences were serious matters, many cases involving imprisonment up to 15 years. He took into consideration the fact that Cheung was a young man.

Lorry Driver Fined \$300

Chu Yeuk-yu, 37, salesman, was fined \$300 by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning for driving without due care and attention, without a driving licence, and without the owners' permission at To Kwa Wan Road yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Howarth prosecuted the complainant Tsang Fuk was driving private car 2042 along To Kwa Wan Road in a southerly direction and when outside House No. 243, lorry 5832 driven by defendant suddenly pulled out from a stationary position, turned around and ran into the left part of complainant's car, damaging the left side door, the left front light and the front bumper.

LOITERER SENT TO PRISON

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Lee Fong, 23, unemployed, by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning for loitering in the street early yesterday morning.

Defendant was arrested by detectives when he was found walking about in the So Uk Village, Castle Peak Road, acting in a suspicious manner.

Defendant who had two previous convictions was recommended for banishment.

SNEAK THIEF CAUGHT

For snatching \$7.50 from Mr. H. T. Foster, of the Union Hotel, Chan Ping, 50, richshaw coolie, was sentenced to six months' hard labour for banishment by Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning.

According to the prosecution, Mr. Foster was paying his fare to a taxi driver when defendant ran between the driver and complainant and snatched the money.

"People like you are parasites," said Mr. d'Almada in sentencing defendant.

consideration the plea made on Cheung's behalf that he was led into it and was more or less a stooge as well as the possibility that after a lighter punishment Cheung might return to his occupation as a farmer. Nevertheless he must be punished in order that he might not be led astray in similar circumstances again.

As for the accused Tsui, Mr. Justice Gould said he was an older man and although an accessory rather than the principal, he must have known that such a crime was a crime in Hongkong just as much as in Chinese territory.

His Lordship made an order for reasonable expenses to be refunded to the witnesses from the New Territories and for the \$50, admitted by Cheung to be his share in the proceeds of the robbery, to be returned to Chan Chong-yuen.

Extradition Case

Special Investigator In Witness Box

The prosecution's case against Hsu Chih-chung, alias Chu Kai-chong, 44, facing extradition proceedings, closed before Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning.

Mr. A. Longdale prosecuted. Mr. Leo d'Almada KC, instructed by Mr. A. da Silva appeared for defendant. Mr. Peter H. Sin represented the Chinese Government.

It was alleged that Hsu defrauded the Chinese Government to the extent of C\$2,050,000. He was also accused of stealing US\$50,000 of Victory Bonds.

Lo Ching-long said he was specially appointed by the Shanghai Municipal Police to investigate important cases, like the present one. Witness then identified a number of documents and said he first saw them at the Shanghai District Court. They all bore the chop of the Shanghai District Court and were handed to him by the Court to bring down to Hongkong. He first became interested in the case on November 1, 1947.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Mr. d'Almada: Do you know that in the past few years many people have expressed dissatisfaction with the Chinese Government?

Witness: That is beyond what I should say.

Mr. d'Almada: Do you know that critics of the Chinese Government have formed themselves into groups and associations?—Yes.

Have you heard of the Chinese Freedom Party?—No.

Do you know Shun Tin-ng?—Yes. Who is he?—He is the former Commissioner of Police and the present Commissioner of the Shanghai Garrison.

Witness said Li Gen. Shun was only responsible for military activities but he would investigate people who were suspected of working against the Government if he received an order to do so from the Government.

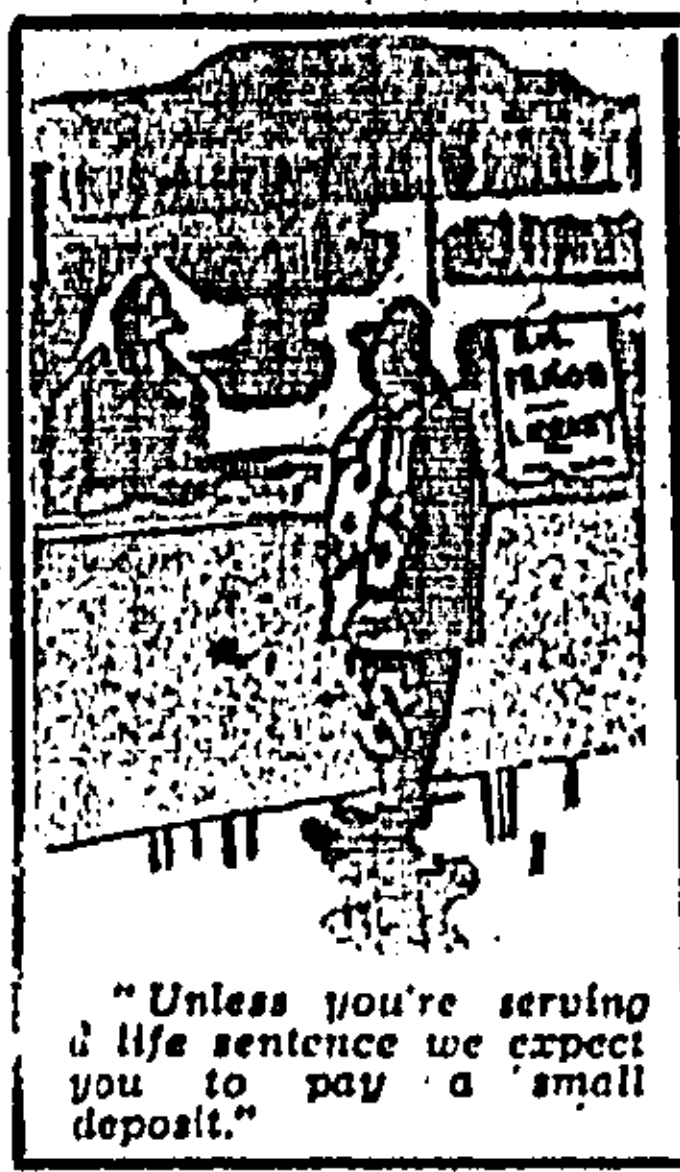
Asked if he knew if General Shun had ever interviewed defendant, witness said he did not know. The defence put it to witness that defendant had been interviewed by General Shun who questioned him.

A woman was then brought into Court as the wife of defendant. Witness said he did not know her but heard that she had been sent for by the Shanghai District Court and questioned.

The defence will open their case on June 14 at 11.30 a.m.

Made Fireworks In Tenement

Admitting charges of manufacturing and illegal storage of fireworks, Pang Kit and Chan Man-hung, of 68, Wusung Street, ground floor, were fined \$75 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Court today. A third man, Wong Kin, who claimed that he was the master of the small business, was fined \$100. The premises, according to Inspector Hunter, were raided on Monday following receipt of a letter complaining of the danger of such a business in a tenement house.



S'hai Film Distributors In Revolt

Shanghai, June 2.—As a protest against the City Government's restrictions on admission price increases in local theatres, eight American film distributors in Shanghai threatened to withdraw from the local market from the end of this month.

Such a move would not only deprive Shanghai of American movies, but would also cut the City Government's amusement tax by two-thirds.

Distributors have presented two demands, 1.—that admission prices shall be based on those of 1936 and multiplied by the City Government's monthly cost of living index for salaries employees, and, 2.—that the proportion of lowest-priced seats in each theatre shall be as of May 1, this year.

Distributors made their threat following a City Government announcement of new ceiling prices for theatres and a stipulation that the lowest-price seats in each theatre should not be less than 30 percent.

This is the second major threat by the distributors to pull out of Shanghai. Last year, distributors threatened to withdraw from Shanghai when the Bureau of Social Affairs wanted to enforce a "voluntary" contribution to the City Government's winter relief drive.—Reuter.

X-RAY REVEALS HIDDEN GOLD

Nineteen women, two men and two minors appeared in court before Mr. Hin-shing Lo this morning charged with concealment and attempted smuggling of gold bars into the Colony.

Defendants said that the gold was their own property and they didn't know it was illegal to bring it into Hongkong. Their only intention in concealing the gold was to guard against possible robbery during the voyage.

Revenue Officer J. Redman said that about 6 p.m. yesterday he boarded the Merry Moller which had arrived from Macao and isolated the defendants from the rest of the passengers.

He asked them if they had any gold in their possession, and they replied in the negative. They were searched, but no gold could be found.

They were then taken to the Queen Mary Hospital where X-ray screenings revealed that each of the suspects had gold concealed in their bodies, altogether amounting to 110 bars.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow.

MAIDEN FLIGHT ACROSS PACIFIC

Shanghai, June 2.—Thirty passengers, including some prominent Shanghai leaders, are scheduled to board the China National Aviation Corporation's newly-renovated DC-4 "City of Chungking" this afternoon on its maiden 48-hour commercial flight to San Francisco via Guam, Wake and Honolulu.

Captain James Byrne, former Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy, will be in command of the aircraft which is expected to arrive in San Francisco on June 4.

On its return trip, the "City of Chungking" will call at Hongkong to enable Chinese going to Canton to disembark at a point near their final destination.—Reuter.

Vietnam Govt. Arouses Scepticism

Washington, June 1.—United States officials were understood to take a somewhat sceptical view of the new provisional Vietnam Central Government of Indo-China, which reportedly will be proclaimed on June 5 aboard the French cruiser Doulay Trouin in the Bay of Along.

They were said to be awaiting fuller information as to the composition and system of the government before deciding whether it is what claims to be an independent central government—or merely a "front for the French Government."

The fact that it does not include many of the dissidents who have been most active in the long resistance of Ho Chi Minh's Viet-nam group to the reimposition of French rule over Indo-China inclines some persons to the latter view.

NO DE FACTO RECOGNITION

Not much is known here of General Nguyen Van Xuan, who reportedly will be Premier of the new government, except that he is an Annamese who is also a General in the French Army.

Informed sources here assumed, on the basis of unofficial reports, that the French would accord recognition of some sort to the new government.

However, the United States will not follow with "de facto" recognition as it did in the case of Indonesia. Instead, it will await further information which would more clearly indicate just what the new government is and how representative it is of the Indo-Chinese people.—United Press.

INDIANS IN S. AFRICA

Ask For Round Table Conference

Durban, June 1.—South African Indians today called on the Government to invite India and Pakistan to a round-table conference on the position of Indians in South Africa.

At the same time, Mr. N. C. Havenga, leader of the Afrikaner Party and a Cabinet Minister designate, said the new Government would not do anything to harm any section of the population.

Mr. P. R. Fathur, leader of the South African Indian organisation, (Moderates), said his organisation's working committee would meet next Sunday to discuss a plan to send a deputation to India to urge the acceptance of round-table talks. They felt that they would be able to convince the new Prime Minister, Dr. Mahalan, that a conference offered the best hope of a solution, he said.

This followed a decision by the Natal Indian Congress last night to make immediate representations to the South African Government for a round-table conference. The Congress also demanded democratic rights for non-European people in South Africa and repeated its claim to be allowed to vote on the common roll.

Mr. Havenga, a former Finance Minister, said nobody had anything to fear from the Nationalist accession to office. All that had happened was that South Africa had exercised her democratic right.—Reuter.

Commo Leaders Rounded Up

Shanghai, June 2.—A "lieutenant general" and a "major general" were among 14 Communist leaders engaged in subversive activities in Shanghai and who were arrested in the course of the last few days by Shanghai-Woosung Garrison authorities. It was learned today.

Two alleged Communists are reported by the Chinese press to be Li-Gen, Chang Nu, former Commander of the Communist Democratic Army in Hunan-Hupeh-Kiang area, and Maj-Gen. Liu X-chih, Chief Communist Intelligence Officer in Shanghai.

The remaining 12 Communist suspects are connected with liaison and intelligence activities in local districts.

All arrested suspects are alleged to have begun operations in Shanghai at the beginning of May, being assigned to various activities, including sabotage, fomentation of student unrest and intelligence.—Reuter.

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Hardstaff Knocks Up First Century Of The Season Scored Against Australians

Notts Manage 299 For 8 To Draw With Tourists

Nottingham, June 1.—Nottinghamshire, scoring 299 runs for eight wickets in their second innings today, held the Australian cricketers to a draw at Trent Bridge ground.

After lunch, Hardstaff lost stocks after 30 runs had been added for the third wicket but then found a good partner in Harvey and they put on 99 for the fourth wicket.

On the way, Hardstaff came top scorer against the Australians so far in this tour and proceeded to take the first century of the season off the Australian attack.

Twelve fours and a six were included in his first hundred runs. He survived an obstruction appeal when at 90 and was out when, with his score at 107, he tried to hit Ring out of the ground and was caught in the deep by Loxton.

Harvey, a promising young all-rounder, hit a very good 41 before being stumped by Loxton. Loxton took four wickets quickly for 27 runs when the big partnership was broken but with the last pair at the wicket—Keeton was still unable to complete his knock—the time expired and the county had the distinction of making the highest score against the Australians since the tour opened.

THE SCOREBOARD

Nottinghamshire 1st Innings	170
Australia 1st Innings	400
Nottinghamshire 2nd Innings	299
Australia 2nd Innings	170
Keeton retired hurt	7
Winrow, c. Bradman, b. Ian Johnson	31
Simpson stumped Tallon, b. Ring	70
Hardstaff, c. Brown, b. Miller	107
Harvey stumped Tallon, b. Ring	41
Slime, b. Johnson	0
Butler, c. Loxton, b. Ring	13
Jepson, c. Brown, b. Johnson	3
Woodhead not out	2
Meads (not out)	18
Extras	11
Total for 8	299

Fall of wickets: 1/69, 2/133, 3/163, 4/202, 5/202, 6/201, 7/235, 8/209.

Bowling Analysis:

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lindwall	14	3	31	0
Miller	8	1	11	1
McCool	2	5	49	0
Loxton	0	2	9	0
Ring	43	15	104	4
Johnson	35	15	78	3

Byes 5, leg-byes 5, no ball 1 by Ring.—Reuter.

ROBINS AS CAPTAIN

London, June 1.—R. V. W. Robins, retired Middlesex County captain, will skipper the "Rest" team in the test trial against England starting at Birmingham on Wednesday.

Freddy Brown of Surrey, surprise choice as original captain of the "Rest", was dropped out because he damaged a finger feeding chickens.

Len Hutton, Yorkshire and England opening batsman, has also withdrawn from the trial. He has a severe cold.

Group Captain A. Holmes, who heads the Test selection committee, said either Jack Robertson of Middlesex or Geoffrey Bennett, Gloucestershire batsman, would move from the "Rest" team into the England XI and that Notts amateur, R. T. Simpson, who battled so well against the Australians at Nottingham on Saturday, when fast bowler Lindwall played the County, had accepted an invitation to play in the trial for the "Rest".

There is a doubt about another Test trialist too, Laurie Fishlock, the Surrey left-hander, who has a chill.

Cricketers' immediate reaction to Robins' playing in the trial was that the Middlesex all-rounder was grooming himself for the captaincy of England—as so many cricket writers had suggested he should.

Robins, who will be 42 on Thursday, is still a fine batsman, brilliant fielder, very useful bowler and an inspired captain. Just the man to counter the wily Don Bradman.

COUNTY CRICKET

London, June 1.—Among the players to take part in tomorrow's England Test trial, who did well in the series of county matches which ended today were two members of the Test team, Arthur Fagg (Kent) and R. T. Simpson (Nottinghamshire), who battled brilliantly today on the eve of the trial.

Fagg, who made 97 in Kent first innings against Leicestershire, today reached his first century of the season in the second innings. A sound and consistent bat, his present excellent form must enhance his chance of getting a place in the England team.

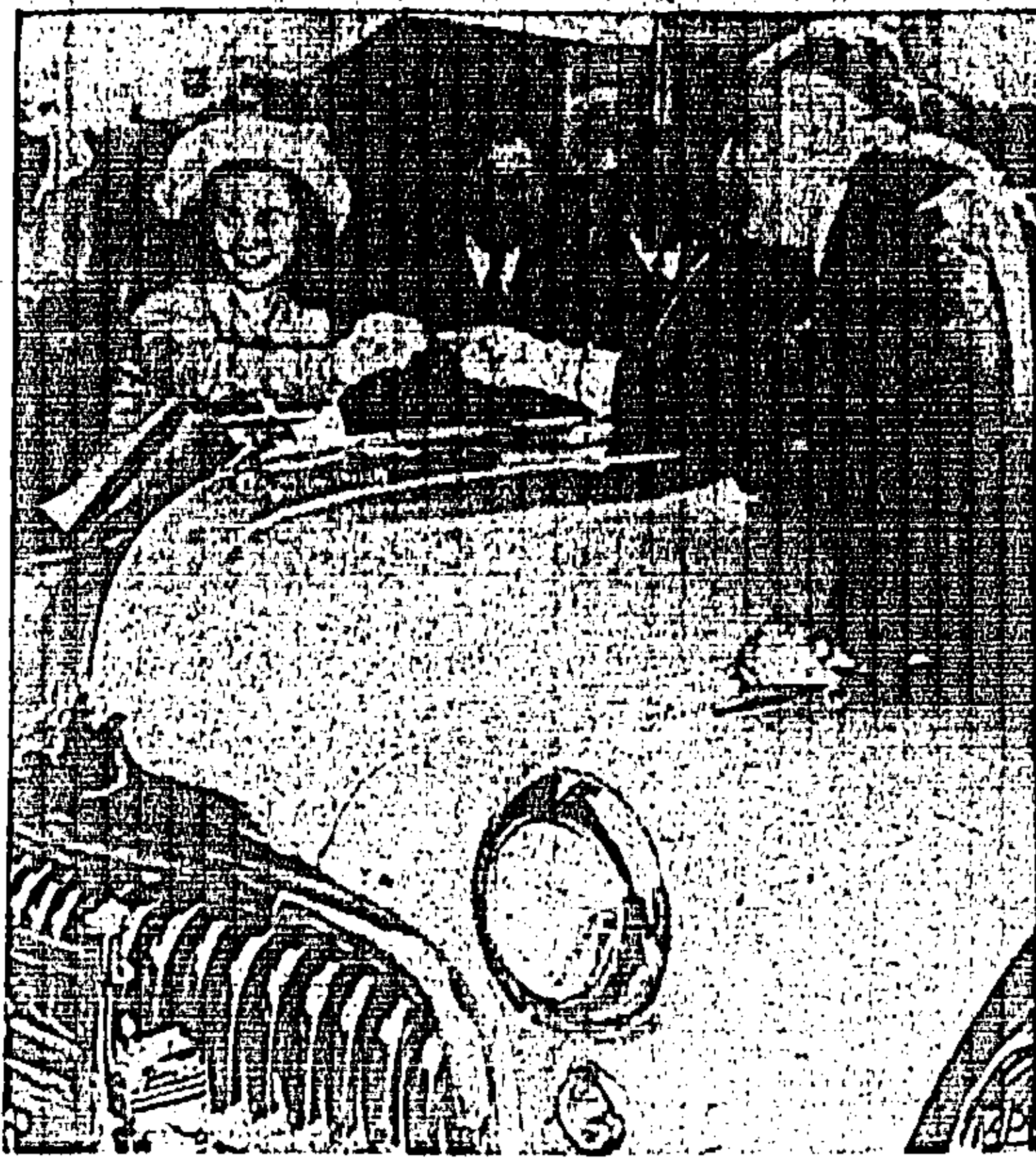
Simpson, playing against the Australians at Trent Bridge, where the first Test will be held, earned the distinction of becoming the first player this season to score two half-centuries off them in a county match.

At the wicket for just less than two hours for his 70 today, he was stylish and confident against the tourists' powerful attack, and hit 11 fours.

R. V. W. Robins, who will captain the "Rest" team in the absence of F. R. Brown, who has an injured hand, played a useful innings for Middlesex at Lords, where the Lancashire bowler on a lively pitch was always difficult to hit.

Many have anticipated captaincy by Robins as England's best county batsman. He bought his ticket for chance of a place in the England team.

THIS TIME FOR KEEPS



Barbara Ann Scott, Olympic skating champion, got a convertible coupe from her home town folks at Ottawa a year ago, but she had to give it back to preserve her amateur standing.

Now she's accepting it for keeps for she's expected to turn professional soon. Ottawa's Mayor Stan Lewis gives her the keys.—AP Wirephoto.

Reuter reports from Toronto that Miss Scott, Canada's winner of the world European and Olympic figure skating titles for women this year, has signed a professional contract, the details of which are not immediately available.

Soccer Professionals Grouse Unnecessarily SAYS HAROLD PALMER

Some soccer pros still have a grouse about terms of engagement. I have never hesitated to express the opinion that the new August to August agreements are all in the players' favour.

Apparently that is not enough. The Players' Union are trying to profit by the fact that rules about notice of "intention to retain" have not been altered to fit in with the new contract period.

Rules still say clubs must notify players before April 17 if they intend to retain them for the following season. They have to state the terms they will offer too.

Some clubs have done this anyway. Others have not and the Union's inquiry has brought from the League secretary the suggestion that clubs could reasonably defer this action until July 17.

I do not think the Union would be wise to press this point too much, but reason seems to be on their side on another point. This concerns the man who is not to be retained, but has a fancy fee put on him.

This player can, if he wishes, appeal to the Football League to reduce this fee.

Unfortunately the League are refusing to consider such appeals until July, because the player will continue to draw wages until then.

I cannot agree. If a club intends to let a player go, he should be given every chance of getting settled with a new club. If his fee is to be reduced, what difference does it make to the club whether it is done now or in two months?

QPR EXAMPLE

I was discussing with Union secretary, Jimmy Fay, the varying terms. Some clubs are much more generous than others. As for the others, well, Mr Fay says he blames the players if they accept inferior contracts.

There is not much doubt that those who pay well get a good return in team spirit. Best example I can name are Queen's Park Rangers and their first team regulars are on the maximum.

Yet I am told that one famous London club has only three men on top pay, whether they are in the first team or not. "Only internationals get this privilege," they say.

Do you wonder players are refusing to re-sign? There is going to be some trouble in August.

In the second round of the men's singles, Czechoslovakia's Miss Helen Straubova eliminated Miss G. Butler of the United States, 6-3, 6-2.

In the second round of the women's doubles, Miss Doris Hart and Miss Patricia Todd easily eliminated Belgium's Miss P. Bernheim and Miss S. Philippart, 6-2, 6-1.

Miss B. Scofield, of the United States, beat Britain's Miss Jean Quertier in the second round of the women's singles, 6-6, 6-1.

Miss Mary Arnold-Francis of U.S. easily beat France's Miss Myrtil Brunarius, 6-1, 6-2.

Miss Barbara Scofield of San Francisco and Miss Helen Rahmany of Boston beat Holland's Miss L. Schmitter and Miss E. Scholten, 6-3, 6-3, in the women's doubles.

The Belgians, Andre Lacroix and Leopold de Borman, beat E. Donnell and W. Young of the United States, 6-1, 6-6, 6-1, in the men's doubles.—United Press.

Two more Indians were eliminated in the second round. Sumant Misra was beaten by F. Kukuljevic, former Yugoslav Davis Cup player now domiciled in India, by 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, and Sawhney was beaten by J. Thomas, of France, by 6-2, 6-2, 6-0.—Reuter.

CHESS TOURNEY

Sequeira Takes A Full Point

"Chico" Sequeira took a full point off P. K. Prokopov in the adjourned game from the sixth round of the Colony Open Chess Championship final which was concluded at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

In an even position at the adjournment, while holding the tempo, Sequeira forced Prokopov's resignation after a further 15 moves, moving up into second place in the standings a half-point behind K. M. A. Barnett.

Roy Danenberg accepted a draw from Johnny Carvalho when the latter revealed his sealed move in their adjourned game. Though both players needed a win to remain serious contenders for the title, neither apparently cared to risk losing a full point in what would have been a very tricky end-game.

A curious feature of the Colony Championship so far is that the white pieces have won only two games, nine having been won with the black pieces while seven were drawn.

RESERVE TOURNEY

There was a major upset in the Reserve Tournament when V. N. Douneff, the Kowloon Chess Club's Premier Reserve Champion, lost his fourth tournament game in a row, this time to V. V. Kolatchoff.

He lost a rook for a bishop in a row to finish top of a field in the Premier Reserve that included three of this year's Open finalists.

Has struck a bad patch in his play, losing in successive games to Jacob Ramler, D. E. de Carvalho, Joseph Tausz and now Kolatchoff.

He lost a rook for a bishop in an early middle-game oversight yesterday and, though developing an attack of sorts on a queen's side castled position, could not maintain it for long and kept losing material in the exchanges to resign after 43 moves.

Brilukoff slipped up badly also against Karpovich and had to resign after 21 moves. In other games, Karel Weiss beat Jacob Ramler, Arthur Gomes beat A. Archangelosky, and Joseph Tausz was conceded a walk-over by S. Shave.

THE STANDING

Colony Chess Club

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
K.M.A. Barnett	0	3	2	4	3 1/2
P. Sequeira	0	3	2	3	3
Roy Danenberg	0	1	4	1	3
J.P. de Carvalho	0	1	4	1	3
L. Schure	0	2	1	3	2 1/2
P.K. Prokopov	0	1	2	3	2

Reserve Tournament

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
D.E. de Carvalho	3	3	0	0	3
L. Karpovich	4	3	0	1	3
A. Brilukoff	3	3	0	1	3
Karel Weiss	3	3	0	2	3
J.V. Tausz	5	3	0	2	3
Arthur Gomes	4	2	0	2	2
R.W. Carter	4	2	0	2	2
Jacob Ramler	4	2	0	2	2
V.V. Kolatchoff	5	2	0	2	2
A. Archangelosky	4	0	0	1	1
V.N. Douneff	4	1	0	3	1
S. Shave	4	0	0	4	0

* Walk-overs from S. Shave.

BASEBALL

Philadelphia Loses The Lead

New York, June 1.—The Red Sox, who were figured to be leading the American League, took their feelings out on Athletics, who were figured to be in the cellar, as Boston pounded out an 8-1 win to knock Athletics out of first place.

Shortstop Eddie Joost's American League record of a string of 41 consecutive games without error ended when he made a wild throw to the plate, enabling two runs score in the four-run Boston third inning that sewed up the ballgame.

Joost's mark was records set by Yankees' Frank Crosssett and Red Sox' Joe Cronin who went 25 straight errorless games in 1939.

Phil Marchildon gave up 12 hits, including homers by Vern Stephens and Bobby Doerr.

Dodgers and Giants battled 11 innings to a 4-4 tie in a game that was called to permit both teams to catch trains for western road trips.

Dodger Rex Barney, in command most of the time, would have had a shutout except for Whitey Lockman's two homers to account for all Giant runs.

Lockman's first came in the fifth with two runners aboard. But when Dodgers came to bat Gil Hodges hit a three-run homer, giving Dodgers a 4-3 lead. Giant tied the score with a second homer in the sixth.

THE SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Boston	8	12	0
Philadelphia	1	7	1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
New York	4	7	1
Brooklyn	4	8	1

—United Press.

Tour Of Italy

Rome, June 1.—Vincenzo Rossello of the Legnand team sped over the mountainous Udine Aunzone leg of the around Italy bicycle race at the amazing rate of 35.72 kilometres an hour today beating the field of fifty stars by two minutes fifteen seconds.

—Associated Press.

CANADA WILL SEND A TEAM OF 104 TO OLYMPIC GAMES

By JOHN CHARTER

Montreal, Canada.—Canada, encouraged by its unexpectedly good showing in the Winter Olympics, plans to send 104 athletes to compete in 11 sports in the summer games at London.

Track and field appears to offer the best chance for Canada's points, and 18 men and eight women will go to London in this sport. Among the men, the top four athletes all attend the University of Western Ontario.—Bob McFarlane holds the Canadian quarter-mile record at 47.5 seconds; Jack Parry has bettered 9.9 seconds for the 100 yard dash; Don McFarlane has run the half-mile in 1:56.8, and these three, joined by Bill LaRoche, form a mile relay team which holds the Canadian record at 3:17.1.

MILLIE LEADS TRACKSTERS

Millie Cheater leads the women tracksters with a time of 7.7 seconds for the 60 yard dash and 11.2 seconds for the 100 yard dash. A very strong team made up of Dolly Moore, Doreen Clough, Tomi Gersman and Enid Shepherd has scored victories over good U.S.A. teams, including the strong quartet from the Cleveland Athletic Club.

Canada also will compete in swimming, cycling, fencing, rowing, canoeing, boxing, wrestling, weight-lifting, yachting and basketball.

Perhaps the nation's best bet for a first-place medal is Doug Bennett of St. Lambert, Que., single-blade singles canoeing champ. In 1939 Canada's only gold medal was the one taken by Frank Amyot of Ottawa in the same event and Col. George Machum, head of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, believes Bennett is as good as Amyot.

WEIGHT-LIFTING PROSPECTS

Weight-lifting prospects are good, too. John Stuart was second in the 140-pound class in the world championships at Philadelphia last September, and Rosalind Smith was third in the 123-pound division. Stuart lifted a total of 755 pounds, Smith 612 1/2 pounds.

Ironically, strong stands out among the swimmers and is confident she can score points, and the Canadian basketball team figures to finish near the top, although the players admit they have very slight chances of defeating the powerful U.S. squad.

But enthusiasm runs high among the Canadian general populace since Barbara Ann Scott won the Olympic figure-skating title and the R.A.F. team won the ice-hockey championship. Barbara Ann and the skating flyers were welcomed home as heroes and the summer athletes will be trying for the same recognition.—United Press.

BRITISH GAMES

London.—Almost every form of sport in Britain today is judged from the Olympic Games angle. On the track and the field and the cycling track, in the swimming pool, in amateur football and boxing, all eyes are on the nation's Olympic hopes.

Consequently, this year's British Games at the White City Stadium in London were in the nature of a minor Olympiad with many Olympic candidates seen in their most serious tests to date. Athletes from Sweden and Holland added the now inevitable dash of international spice. Olympic selectors studied every detail.

Donald Finlay, still a fine sprint hurdler event at 40 years of age, won the 120 yards as was expected. His class is unmistakable.

Far less a stylist is the former army captain, Harry Whittle, who upset orthodox notions by the manner in which he won two Amateur Athletic Association titles last year.

As a hurdler he is not an academic study in ease and grace but few athletes can equal his terrific determination.

His triumph in the 440 yards hurdles in record time for this inter-counties event stamped him as a positive Olympic hope. He was the only man competing to beat the existing times.

The Olympic urge is seen in other results recorded this spring. The national backstroke swimming champion, Bert Kilmar, set up in Scotland a new British 100 yards record a few days after Brockway had established the new figures.

Roy Romain's British record in the 200 yards breaststroke was equaled by the British Empire champion, John Davies, who is 34.

HOPES PINNED ON REC HARRIS

Macedonak Bailey and Arthur Wint were not among the White City athletes. They felt they needed more practice before going all out to prove their Olympic quality.

It is good news for Britain that Bailey, a magnificent sprinter, feels satisfied that he has recovered from his injured thigh muscle which threatened last winter to bring his great career to a sudden end. In his first competitive event he let himself go and ran nearly as well as ever.

Another British Olympic candidate who has been on the injured list, Ted Harris, the world cycling sprint champion, made a welcome return to complete fitness and form. In club and team trials he is racing brilliantly.

Sheikh Draws Runner In Irish Sweep

Khartoum, June 1.—Sheikh Mohamed Oaman Mansur of Khartoum has drawn "Native Health" in the Irish Sweepstakes.

It is the first time a Sudanese has ever drawn in a big sweepstakes. Mansur, 37, is a wealthy businessman. He bought his ticket for chance of a prize from a Syrian merchant.—Associated Press.

Bailey Breaks Evens Again

McDonald Bailey is breaking evens again. Defying expert opinion and all the dismal jimmies who said he would never run again, the British sprint champion did a 9.9sec. 100 yards in his first training run of the season at Chiswick.

And he did that time despite checking at 20 yards because, for a moment, he thought he detected a stiffness in his left leg.

It was in this leg that a muscle went last August. Bank Holiday—and this was the first time since that day that Bailey had broken evens.

He tried a couple of races too soon after the injury, but found that he could not do himself justice.

TORMENTED WITH FEARS

As I drove Bailey to Chiswick, he gave me a picture of the way his mind has been alternately tormented with fears and cheered with hopes, in a welter of contradiction.

All along, however, he has had faith in himself, and as I watched him streaking down the track, I knew that that faith had been justified.

Bailey first practised a few starts with other members of the Polytechnic. Then, after a two or three years' start, he went right through the 100.

Bailey told me afterwards about that stiffness which he felt early in the spring. "When I realised the muscle was not pulling again I knew I could go on," he said.

Perhaps the most impressive part of Bailey's performance was his bullet start that enabled him to make up the start he had given the others almost before they had moved.

SLIGHT STIFFNESS

Today Bailey said he still felt a slight stiffness in that leg. "I am not worried," he said, "but I must get rid of that. It is not a healthy sign." But, however, he went on to show how pleased he was with his performance.

He laughed, and said: "It was not really trying, you know, and the track was as dead as dough. I was struggling like anything to get light on my legs. It was not really one of my best days."

Army Lieutenant A Bright Prospect

Ideas on the ranking of our sprinters, official or unofficial, look like being shaken up this year. Apart from the fact that the position of our No. 1, McDonald Bailey, is uncertain because of injury, there is a young fellow who looks like doing a lot to change the order.

That man is Paul Valle, of Enfield, a second-lieutenant, who was ranked No. 5 among the 100 yards men and not in the first 13 in the 100-yards last season.

Valle was moving well in his first race of the season at Oxford recently. He was second there, beaten inches by John Fairgrieve (Acheson), who was ranked sixth in the 100-yards and third in the 220.

NOT QUICK ENOUGH

Valle did 9.8 seconds for the 100 and 22.1 seconds for the 220 in the London District Army championships.

Derek Fugh, our No. 1 quarter-mile runner, has got almost as much satisfaction out of these races as the winner. The chief criticism he receives from his coach, Mr. E. J. Holl, who is the director of organisation for the Games, is that he is not quick enough from the start.

So Fugh was not doing so badly to be just a yard behind Valle in both of these last sprints.

It was interesting to overhear these Olympic possibilities discussing food parcels. Fugh was able to say he had had four, Valle has had none, while Bill Nankerville said that his two have both been pilfered.

Fugh says the parcels make a tremendous difference. So they must, but only if they are frequent enough.

PROMISING UNKNOWN

As usual, the Army did not fail to produce some promising unknowns at this meeting.

For instance, I was impressed by the hurdling of S. I. Albert Archibald, a lad from Elgin, who has never gone in for athletics until recently.

"I could do the splits," he said, "so I thought I would try hurdling." Then there was an 18-year-old trained soldier, Wilkes, performing on his home ground, the Guards Depot, Caterham. He won the long man. He bought his ticket for chance of a prize from a Syrian merchant.—Associated Press.

Lords Debate Death Penalty

Abolition

VOTE DEFERRED FOR 24 HOURS

London, June 1.—Lord Llewellyn, moving the rejection in the House of Lords today of a House of Commons proposal to suspend the death penalty for murder in Britain, cited the ritual murders on the Gold Coast as one of the reasons for retaining it.

Abolition, he said, was bound to have repercussions in the British colonies. "You cannot have one law for those with white skins and a different law for those with coloured skins," he said amid the cheers of a packed Chamber.

BRITAIN SHY OF USS LOANS

Washington, June 1.—British officials have informed the Economic Co-operation Administration here that their country can accept no dollars in the form of loans unless they are intended for self-repaying projects and not for "consumption" goods.

The result of this decision, it is understood, will be that the \$100,000,000 tentatively allocated to Britain by the Administration for the April 1-June 30 quarter of this year will almost certainly not be used immediately, and may actually remain idle for some time, while British officials and ECA experts work out the details of the projects actually satisfactory to both sides.

British officials have been considerably concerned over the past few weeks about the advisability of accepting more dollar loan burdens. They were disturbed over the fact that, of Britain's first quarter Marshall Plan allocation of \$400 million, five percent was specifically labelled as being amendable on a loan basis only.

These loans, it was understood, will carry a heavier interest rate than the original postwar American loan to Britain—around three percent—and will therefore add to the considerable annual dollar repayment obligation that Britain must assume, starting in 1952.

The decision taken, therefore, is that no current consumption goods—wheat, cotton, tobacco, food, petroleum and the like—will be paid for in loan dollars.—Reuter.

Must Pay Up Their Debts

Washington, June 1.—European countries must continue to pay their debts to the U. S. even though they are receiving ERP aid, the U. S. Secretary of Treasury, Mr. John Snyder said today.

Mr. Snyder told the Senate Appropriations Committee that it "would not be wise to declare a debt moratorium."

Such a move he said, "would impair the credit standing of these countries and so make it more difficult for them to secure finance from private sources now or in the future."

He estimated that after 1952, the European countries "should be able to operate their economies without extraordinary assistance from the United States."

Mr. Snyder appeared before the committee to ask for an aid appropriation of \$4,245,000,000. The full ERP programme will call for expenditures estimated at \$5,300,000,000.—Associated Press.

MASEFIELD'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

Abingdon, Berkshire, June 1.—Britain's Poet Laureate, John Masefield, reached 70 years and found life "very much like yesterday" today.

He spent the day at his home near here "reading and writing." There was no party, no cake, no verses to mark his 70th birthday.

Masefield's latest verse, "The Play of St. George" will be published on July 12. It was written in honour of the 600th anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Garter.—Associated Press.

COMMUNIST ASSASSINATED

Prague, June 1.—The police disclosed today that Augustin Sram, Colonel of a Partisan group and an official of the Communist Party, was assassinated last Friday night.

The official report said Sram was summoned to the door of his home here, and then shot down by a man with a pistol. The killer escaped.

Only a bare announcement of the killing was published in Prague's newspapers. The Communist Party headquarters refused to answer any question about it.—Associated Press.



Siam's Boy King Invited To Return

Bangkok, June 1.—The uncrowned King of Siam, Phumphon Aduldej, has been invited by the Phibun government to return to his kingdom for coronation to be held on his birthday, December 5.

If the king accepts, then the coronation of the remains of his brother, who was killed on June 9, 1946, will be held in November. Official sources said. The coronation had been previously set for February, 1949, after having been postponed three times.

Meanwhile, the government will speed up the investigation of the death of King Ananda Mahidol in the hope that a settlement will be reached within the next few months. With the return of the chief investigator from Switzerland, where he interviewed members of the royal household, early trial of the case is being urged.

The invitation to the king to return for his coronation in December is being carried to Switzerland, where the young monarch is in school, by Prince Dhaniyong, a member of the Regency Council, who will also urge Phumphon to carry out the state visits to foreign countries, including Britain and the United States, which had been planned by his brother just before his death.—United Press.

Big Organising Job For Dalton

London, June 1.—Mr. Hugh Dalton, the newly-appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, will play a leading part in organising the Commonwealth Conference, which is to be held in London as soon as possible, it was learned here today.

The Dominions are now replying to the suggestions sent out by Britain for an informal meeting of Prime Ministers, to be held, it is hoped, before the autumn.

It was emphasised in London tonight that the longer the Conference is postponed, the more urgent it would become. Major Commonwealth problems include defence, economic questions, and the relationship to Western Union. Irrespective of party policies, Parliamentary opinion here hopes that the new Dominions—India, Pakistan and Ceylon—will play their full part in the Commonwealth Conference.

Although it is fully recognised that both Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, and Mr. Ali Khan, the Pakistan Prime Minister, are carrying enormous burdens since the transfer of power, it is sincerely hoped that they will be able to find time to attend the Conference.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Canberra, June 1.—The Australian government has decided to appoint Mr. Alfred Stirling, former Minister to Washington, as High Commissioner for South Africa, high Ministerial sources told The Associated Press after a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday night.

Mr. Keith Officer, Minister to The Hague, is appointed Australian Ambassador to China, succeeding Professor Douglas Copland.—Associated Press.

Anne And Michael Wedding Plans A Mystery

London, June 1.—Whether Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma will wed ex-king Michael of Rumania in Athens on Saturday became a deeper mystery today when her mother, Princess Margaret of Denmark, flew home from a 24-hour visit to Michael in Lausanne.

Athen's reports that Anne had been taken suddenly ill were denied in Copenhagen, and reporters there watched for a possible attempt to get her away from the city secretly by private plane or motor car.

The couple are due in Athens tomorrow. The ex-king's staff in Lausanne today refused to say when he was to leave for Athens, as Michael wanted all plans to remain hush-hush.

Apart from the fact that she was in good health, nothing was disclosed today about Princess Anne or her plans, and she herself could not be contacted.

WORLD ABUNDANCE OF SUGAR

London, June 1.—The International Sugar Council estimates that there will be a surplus of 317,000 metric tons of sugar over and above the estimated requirements of the world's free export market on August 31, the end of the crop year.

Estimated free market supplies on that date, are set at 4,017,000 tons against estimated requirements of 4,300,000 tons.

These figures were reported after the Council met in London last week. Representatives of 10 governments attended.

Free market supplies for 1948 against requirements of 4,414,000 tons.

A Council communique pointed out neither supply estimate took account of reduced US quotas for 1948 which were cut by 500,000 short tons last week. That amount of Cuban sugar therefore, may be available in the market, the communique said.

It emphasised that requirements for some European countries were still tentative pending final decisions on how much sugar these countries would get under the European Recovery Programme.

The world dollar shortage rather than lessened demand was mainly responsible for the requirement estimates being lower than previous figures, the communique said.

"Many countries would buy more sugar if they could afford to do so, particularly those countries where consumption is still limited by rationing," it said.—Associated Press.

Steel Strike Called Off

Frankfurt, June 1.—Union leaders from the Ruhr said today that the threatened two-day steel strike would not take place.

Their announcement was made after the decision to recommend the removal of the German steel executives, Dr. Reusch and Dr. Reiss. The Social Democratic faction of the German Bizonal Economic Council today made plain that they would not immediately renounce Dr. Reusch for another appointment on the Steel Committee.

Dr. Reusch, whose appointment brought on the strike threat, is a member of the Christian Democratic Party.—Reuter.

Communist Party Official Arrested

Washington, June 1.—The Department of Justice today announced the arrest for deportation of Jacob Abraham Stachel, the National Director of Education for the American Communist Party.

Mr. Stachel has been removed to Ellis Island to await deportation proceedings. He is accused of illegally entering the United States and of joining a subversive organization after his entry.—Reuter.

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